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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, on September 15, 1950 removed certain documents pertaining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellants without authority from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, his place of employment. On September 16, 1950, he left same at the residence of [redacted] who was to make typewritten copies of them. Above documents procurred from [redacted] on September 25, 1950 by [redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company and writer, and placed in custody [redacted] U. S. Air Force, Hughes Aircraft Company, pending determination security classification. Subject voluntarily came to the Los Angeles office September 27, 1950 and in signed statement admitted removing documents without authority stating he desired to extract certain information from them as aid in computing cost proposal on jet propulsion motors. He planned to submit this with employment application through American Technion Society for employment in the country of Israel. Subject

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on September 28, 1950 identified photographic copies of seventeen documents and same retained in this office as evidence. Records North American Aviation Corp., Inglewood, California, reflected subject denied clearance on classified contracts 1948, but cleared by Industrial Employment Review Board 1949. Records clearance investigation at Dayton, Ohio. Background information set out.

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DETAILS:

On September 25, 1950 [redacted], Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, contacted this office and advised that he had received information that one JACK PARSONS, an employee of Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, had removed certain classified information from the Hughes Aircraft Company and planned to use this material in the preparation of an application for employment which he was attempting to obtain in the country of Israel. [redacted] stated that as of that date the classified information, together with the application for employment, were in the possession of [redacted] He stated PARSONS reportedly had left this material at the [redacted] residence with the request that [redacted] prepare for him a typewritten brochure of the material. b6 b7C

Immediately upon receipt of the above information, SA A. N. OSSIPOFF and the writer proceeded to the vicinity of the [redacted] residence where they contacted [redacted] of the Hughes Aircraft Company. [redacted] advised that [redacted] an employee of Northrop Aircraft Company, Hawthorne, California, had on that date contacted [redacted] at the Hughes Aircraft Company and apprised him of the fact that the documents had been left by PARSONS at the [redacted] residence. [redacted] stated that upon learning of this, he, accompanied by [redacted] Guided Missiles Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, proceeded to the [redacted] residence where they examined the documents and found them to contain certain formulas of a classified nature. [redacted] stated that both [redacted] were of the b6 b7C

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opinion that the material in their possession was of a confidential nature; that they had displayed it to [redacted] when he visited their home on September 24, 1950 and requested [redacted] to ascertain the authorized owner of the material and arrange for its return.

Shortly thereafter, [redacted] and the writer proceeded to the [redacted] residence where they were given the documents and papers in the possession of [redacted] which had been given to her by PARSONS and which, until this time, she had retained at her residence. Certain of the more significant documents were initialed by her at that time for future identification purposes. In addition, [redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement to the writer: b6 b7C

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2:29 p.m. 9/25/50

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me to be a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to [redacted] No promises, threats or duress has been used to have me make this statement.

"I have known John Parsons and his wife Marjorie Parsons since approximately 1946 and have been personal friends to them since that date. b6 b7C

"On approximately September 10, 1950, Marjorie Parsons brought a box of papers and documents to my home and asked me if I would type copies of the documents and papers. She told me at this time that the papers & documents, copies of which I was to copy, were to be used by her husband, John Parsons in procuring employment in the country of Israel. I agreed to type copies of the papers & documents as she requested me to do.

"On Sunday, September 24, 1950, [redacted] who is a social acquaintance of my husband and I, visited us at our home. I, at this time displayed the documents and papers to [redacted] who advised me that he was of the opinion that information contained in these documents was of a confidential nature and the information contained in them should not have been disseminated outside of the Hughes Aircraft Company at Los Angeles; that the information should not be included in the letters which I was to type copies of and be used for aiding John Parsons in his application for employment

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in the country of Israel. During the course of my typing certain of the letters, I noticed that one such letter written by John Parsons bore the salutation "Mr. Rosenfeldt."

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"On September 25, 1950, [redacted] who identified himself to me to be [redacted], Research & Development Laboratory, Hughes Aircraft Co. called at my residence and was given a number of the documents and letters which had been given to me by Mr. Parsons. The remainder of the documents, [redacted] returned to the Hughes Aircraft Co. on September 25, 1950.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety. I have placed my initials on each correction & on bottom of each page. b6 b7C

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed this date: 9/25/50

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[redacted] Special Agent, Fed. Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, Calif."

On the same date, September 25, 1950, [redacted] also was interviewed at his place of employment, the Northrop Aircraft Company, Hawthorne, California, by SA OSSIPOFF and the writer. [redacted] stated that on September 24, 1950, while he was visiting at the [redacted] residence, he observed the above mentioned classified material and discussed the matter of its being at the [redacted] residence with [redacted] stated [redacted] told him that MRS. MARJORIE PARSONS, subject's wife, had brought it to their home and had requested [redacted] to make typewritten copies of it. [redacted] stated he advised [redacted] that he believed the material to be of a classified nature and that he was of the opinion it should not have been left at the [redacted] residence by PARSONS. He said that he and the [redacted] then decided that [redacted] should contact responsible officials of the Hughes Aircraft Company concerning the matter. He advised that he telephoned [redacted] at the company, and related the information to him. b6 b7C

[redacted] who is employed as a [redacted] at the Northrop Aircraft Company, stated he is remotely acquainted with subject PARSONS and his wife, having met them once several years ago. He could furnish nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the PARSONS with the exception that he considered them to be "characters and screwballs." He could furnish nothing specific to substantiate this allegation. b6 b7C

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On the afternoon of the same date, September 25, 1950, SA OSSIPOFF and the writer proceeded to the Hughes Aircraft Company where the above documents and papers were examined and photographic copies made of them by the Hughes Aircraft Company. At the same time an inventory was made of the material by [redacted] and the writer and the documents were found to consist of the following: b6 b7C

1. One handwritten draft and four typewritten drafts of tentative points for a two year minimum contract of employment.

2. One handwritten outline of personal qualifications and list of activities in which subject believes himself proficient.

3. One handwritten outline of the manufacturing process of non-nitroglycerine blasting explosives, including a list of ingredients and equipment required for their manufacture.

4. One handwritten discussion on the manufacture of rocket propellants, including a detailed discussion of the application of said propellants in specific weapons and situations.

5. Four typewritten copies of items 2, 3, and 4 above combined and partially completed.

6. Item #4 above completed in typewritten form (1 copy).

7. Typewritten instructions for the manufacture of [redacted] ROCKET PROPELLANTS (1 copy).

8. Typewritten program for and materials to be used in a laboratory for the development and improvement of explosives, rocket propellants, and allied substances (1 copy).

9. One handwritten and one typewritten copy of the plant manufacturing process of explosives.

10. One handwritten and one typewritten copy of a personal letter from John W. Parsons to Mr. Rosenfeldt, apparently intended as cover letter in transmittal of items one to nine above.

11. One list of essential equipment at THIOKOL for loading T-42 motors.

12. One complete typewritten copy of the THIOKOL Mining and Loading Procedure for T-42 Motors and four incomplete typewritten copies of same.

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13. One typewritten copy of proposed propellant Loading Plant for T-42 Motors and cost estimates therefor, tables I, II, III, IV and V; and three typewritten copies of table I of the same only.

The handwritten material was in the handwriting of the subject.

On the same date this material was brought to the Los Angeles office where photographic copies were made of it.

On September 26, 1950, SA OSSIPOFF and the writer displayed the documents and papers to [redacted] U. S. Army, who advised that it would be necessary for him to forward copies of them to the Chief of the Security and Policy Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, where the documents would be examined for the purpose of determining whether or not they contain classified or non-classified information. b6 b7C

Pursuant to instructions from [redacted] the documents and papers on September 26, 1950, were placed in the custody of [redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company for transmittal to Wright Field. b6 b7C

On September 26, 1950, [redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company, advised the writer that elements of at least seventeen of the above papers and documents pertaining to specifications for rocket propellants and jet propulsion motors fall within the provisions of Contract W 33038-14220 and should bear the classification ~~"Confidential."~~ He stated that as per AMC report CD 356, dated July 1, 1950, propulsion details, such as that of which the above is concerned, are to be classified ~~"confidential."~~ b6 b7C

On September 26, 1950, JOHN W. PARSONS telephonically contacted this office and stated that he desired to come to the Los Angeles office for the purpose of speaking with an agent concerning the documents and papers which he had left at the [redacted] residence. b6 b7C

On September 27, 1950, PARSONS was interviewed at the Los Angeles office by SAs OSSIPOFF and WILLIAM C. PATTERSON. At this time he volunteered to furnish the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
Sept. 27, 1950

"I, John Whiteside Parsons, make the following voluntary statement to William C. Patterson and Anatole N. Ossipoff known to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my right to counsel. No threats or promises

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have been made to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"I presently reside at 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California. I was born on October 2, 1914 in Los Angeles County, California.

"I was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company on May 8, 1949 and my present capacity is that of group leader in charge of propellants, propulsion and launching group of the Research and Development Laboratories.

"In approximately October of 1948 I negotiated with a Mr. Rosenfeldt, 4511 Agnes Ave., North Hollywood, California, for a possible position in Israel. Shortly after this I submitted to Rosenfeldt suggested plans for the construction of an explosive plant. These negotiations continued for some time and in approximately June of 1950 I was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed cost of the equipment in explosive processes which I had proposed. In July and August 1950 I prepared a revised proposal. In September 1950 I worked for Hughes Aircraft on a proposed rocket propellant loading plant which was to be built by Hughes Aircraft. My work concerned gathering data on processes to be used and cost of equipment. The proposed rocket propellant loading plant plans included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal I was to submit to Mr. Rosenfeldt.

"On September 15, 1950 I took a portion of the Hughes Aircraft proposal for the rocket propellant loading plant from the Hughes Aircraft Plant where I was employed. I carried this material out of the plant in a brief case or envelope and I showed a package and property pass to the guard at Gate 18. I took this material home and on the following day, Sept. 16, 1950, I took this material to the residence of [redacted] and requested that she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize the material in the form of a cost proposal. I explained to [redacted] that this was for the purpose of preparing a proposal for Mr. Rosenfeldt. b6 b7C

"I understood that Mr. Rosenfeldt represented the Technion Group in Israel which consisted of a number of coordinated Government agencies and private industries for the purpose of technical development in Israel. The Government Agencies referred to above I mean to be Israel Government Agencies. Through reading various magazine articles I discovered that a field for new technical developments

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existed in Israel and after further investigation I contacted Mr. Rosenfeldt with an inquiry as to possible work that I could do there.

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"I knew that the above mentioned material was of a classified nature but it was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the Hughes Aircraft material to include in my proposal to be submitted to Mr. Rosenfeldt.

"I now realize that I was wrong in taking this material from the Hughes Aircraft Plant and presenting it to [redacted] b6 b7C It was not my intent to harm the United States or to allow this material to fall into the hands of an unauthorized person. I knew that [redacted] was loyal and had been cleared after a security investigation. [redacted] was not aware that the material was classified.

"I received no remuneration or promise of remuneration for removing this material nor was I ordered or requested to do so by any person.

"I have read this statement consisting of six pages initialed by me and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ John W. Parsons
September 27, 1950

"Witnessed by:
Anatole N. Ossipoff - Special Agent, FBI, September 27, 1950.
William C. Patterson, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, September 27, 1950."

PARSONS, at this time, furnished the following background information concerning himself: In the year 1929 he accompanied his parents to Europe where he visited for a short period of time. He has not traveled outside the United States since that time. He graduated from University High School, Pasadena, California in 1933 and since that time has taken several correspondence and extension courses from the University of California and University of Southern California. Since graduating from high school he has been employed as follows:

1932 to 1934 - Hercules Powder Company, Los Angeles;
1934 to 1938 - Halifax Explosives Company, Saugus, California;
1938 to 1944 - California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California;

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1941 to 1946 - Aerojet Engineering Corporation, Azusa, California;
1946 to 1947 - Vulcan Powder Company, Pasadena, California;
1946 to 1948 - North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California;
1948 to 1950 - Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California and University of Southern California, Department of Pharmacology, Los Angeles.

He advised that in 1948, while employed with the North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California, he was suspended from his employment in that he was alleged to have associated with Communists but that in 1949 he was cleared and rehired.

He stated that during approximately 1948, while employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company, he read certain articles in some technical magazines, the exact names of which he could not recall, which pertained to technical development and scientific research in the country of Israel. He stated he became interested in this work which was going on in Israel and that after making a number of inquiries, one ROSENFELDT, 4511 Agnes Avenue, North Hollywood, California, was recommended to him as being able to furnish information regarding the obtaining of employment of this nature in Israel. He stated that in September or October 1949 he contacted ROSENFELDT, who requested him to prepare a proposal regarding the building of an explosives plant in Israel and data concerning rockets and other armaments which PARSONS would be able to conduct research work on in Israel. PARSONS stated he submitted such a proposal to ROSENFELDT but heard nothing from him until in August 1950, at which time he again recontacted ROSENFELDT and ROSENFELDT requested him to submit a new proposal pertaining to the cost of a jet propulsion development program on which PARSONS could do research work in Israel.

In the above signed statement volunteered by PARSONS to agents of this office on September 27, 1950, he stated the ROSENFELDT with whom he was in contact concerning his attempts to obtain employment in the country of Israel, resided at 4511 Agnes Avenue, North Hollywood, California. Investigation conducted by SA ANATOLE N. OSSIPOFF has determined the above ROSENFELDT to be identical with HERBERT T. ROSENFELD, president, Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society.

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T-1, of known reliability, stated ROSENFELD is known by the informant to have in the past, associated with various Soviet officials at Los Angeles, and to have been a close friend of [redacted] convicted Soviet agent.

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The October 21, 1949 issue of the Bnai Brith Messenger carried an article entitled "Technion Head to Speak at Zionist Membership Rally." In the

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article it was stated that HERBERT T. ROSENFELD, president of the American Technion Society, would be the principal speaker at a general membership rally of the Los Angeles Zionist organization to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 1949.

The article further stated that the American Technion Society has officially been designated by the Israel Government and industry as the "American body providing 'no-how' to enlarge modern techniques achieved by the United States so that it may benefit Israel. This source is composed of business men, technologists and scientists." It was stated that MR. ROSENFELD would speak on the topic "Can Israel be Self-Sufficient?"

PARSONS advised that in 1941, while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California, he was a member of a religious cult which was alleged to have been involved in immoral activities. He said that he is no longer connected with this group and has severed all relations with it. He described himself as being an "individualist."

On September 28, 1950, PARSONS was re-interviewed by the writer at his place of residence, 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California. The writer exhibited to him seventeen photographic copies of the documents mentioned above and he identified them as being identical to the originals which he stated he had removed from the Hughes Aircraft Company on September 15, 1950. He placed his initials on the back of each page and in his own handwriting furnished the following signed certification:

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"3:15 p.m.
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1200 Esplanade
Redondo Beach, Calif.

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"I, John W. Parsons, do hearby certify that the photographic copies, seventeen pages, are identical to the original documents composed by me and fellow employees while I was employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company; the original copies having been removed from the plant by me.

"The above photographic copies were shown to me this date by Special Agent [redacted] who has identified himself to me and whom I know to be a special agent with the F.B.I.

"No threats, duress, or promises have been used against me to have me make this certification.

"I have been advised that I do not have to make this certification, of my right to council, and that this certification may be used in a court of law against me. b6 b7C

"/s/ John W. Parsons

"Witnessed this date 9/28/50
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PARSONS advised the writer that he was terminated from his place of employment, the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, on September 26, 1950.

On September 29, 1950, [redacted] North American Aviation Corporation, Inglewood, California, advised that PARSONS was employed with the company as a laboratory worker from 1946 to 1948. He stated that by letter dated September 21, 1948, his company was notified by the Provost Marshal, U. S. Air Force, Inspector Generals Office, that an investigation conducted by that office had determined PARSONS to be undesirable for employment on classified contracts for the departments of the Air Force, Army and Navy. [redacted] said the company terminated the subject from his employment there shortly afterwards; however, he stated that by letter dated March 7, 1949, the North American Aviation Corporation was notified by the Provost Marshal, U. S. Air Force, Inspector Generals Office, that the subject had been cleared by the Industrial Employment Review Board and granted access to secret and top secret information. He advised the subject was thereupon rehired by the company. [redacted] stated the files of his office contain no information as to the reasons why the subject was temporarily termed undesirable for work on classified contracts. b6 b7C

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On October 4, 1950, [redacted] Air Provost Marshal, Los Angeles Air Force Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, advised that the records of his office contain no information relative to the subject's denial of clearance while he was employed at the North American Aviation Corporation in 1948. He stated the records concerning the matter are presently in the custody of MAJOR [redacted] Chief, Security Section, Provost Marshal, Inspector General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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The records of the Hughes Aircraft Company, Hawthorne, California, reflected PARSONS furnished the company with the following additional background information concerning himself in 1948.

Consulting Connections: Los Angeles District Attorneys Office, Los Angeles Police Department (certified Los Angeles Superior Court);
Northrop Aircraft Company;
General Chemical Company;
National Defense Research Council;
Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Organizations of Which a Member: American Chemical Society;
Institute of Aeronautical Sciences;
American Institute for the Advancement of Science;
Society of Sigma Xi.

In addition to the above, the subject listed a number of scientific writings of which he claimed to be the author and which pertained to jet propulsion and rocket propellants. He listed seven patents and inventions of a scientific nature which he stated he had developed.

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A description of JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS as procured from a biographical outline furnished by him to the Hughes Aircraft Company and as furnished to SA OSSIPOFF is as follows:

Name:	JOHN WHITESIDE ~~PARSONS~~ MYS
Alias:	JACK PARSONS
Sex:	Male
Age:	36
Born:	10-2-14; Los Angeles, California
Color:	White
Present Residence:	1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California
Former Residences:	168 Terrace Drive, Pasadena, California; 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California; 3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California; 3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California
Height:	6:1"
Weight:	185 pounds
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Fair
Marital Status:	Married
Immediate Relatives:	Wife, MARJORIE ELIZABETH ~~PARSONS~~; Mother, RUTH VIRGINIA ~~PARSONS~~; Father, CAPTAIN MARVEL H. ~~PARSONS~~, U. S. Army (deceased).

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There is no record of arrest for the subject at the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

T-2, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] occasionally [redacted] informant stated PARSONS' home, as of that time, served as a sort of headquarters for a religious cult in Pasadena. b6 b7C b7D

T-3, of known reliability, stated [redacted] attempted to contact MARTIN KAMEN at KAMEN'S residence in San Francisco, California on March 13, 1945. (U)

T-4, of known reliability, advised that MARTIN DAVID KAMEN was discharged from his employment on the DSM Project at Berkeley, California in 1944 because he was believed to have revealed "top secret information" to representatives of the Soviet Union. (U)

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Los Angeles, California

In May 1948, [redacted] in an interview with SA HENRY C. JOHNSON, stated that [redacted] of the "Veterans Committee of One Thousand" in Los Angeles. b6 b7C

T-5, of known reliability, stated the "Veterans Committee of One Thousand" in 1947 became known as the "Association of Veteran Home Buyers" and that the organization as of that date was a Communist controlled and dominated organization for veterans, operated primarily in the west section of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. (U)

T-6, of known reliability, advised in May 1948 that [redacted] was present at a meeting of the above organization at the Los Angeles High School on the evening of February 2, 1947. (U) b6 b7C b7D

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Palos Verdes, California

T-7, of known reliability, stated [redacted] has in the past made statements to the informant which were sympathetic to Russia and has spoken

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radically to the informant concerning various social matters. Informant did not consider her to be very trustworthy.

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T-8, of unknown reliability, stated [redacted] is known by the informant to have compared the educational methods of the United States to those of Russia and to have stated that Russia's educational methods are superior to those of the United States. Informant stated [redacted] has compared the United States democracy to "Russian democracy" and has stated that she feels that many things in Russia are superior to those in this country. Informant was of the opinion [redacted] is not very trustworthy or desirable for a position of a confidential nature. b6 b7C b7D

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T-9, of known reliability, stated [redacted] is known by the informant to have expressed her sympathy for Russian ideals and has stated that she does not believe that the United States understands Russia; however, informant was of the opinion that [redacted] does not actually intend to be disloyal to the United States.

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The files of the Los Angeles office contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning [redacted]

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The Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office possess no records concerning [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted]

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At Dayton, Ohio: Will contact MAJOR [redacted] Chief, Security Section, Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Will ascertain the facts concerning the investigation conducted by that office in 1948 which resulted in the subject's being temporarily denied clearance at the North American Aviation Corporation, where he was employed in 1948.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will, in the event pertinent documents are determined by the Security and Policy Division, Air Materiel Command, to be of a classified nature, request the Bureau to submit facts to the department for consideration as to possible prosecutive action. b3 b7E

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records, Command Air Provost Marshal, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, reflect subject denied access to classified information on 9-29-48 because of membership in a religious cult in Pasadena, California. Also reportedly associated with SIDNEY WEINBAUM, an alleged CP member. Suspension removed 3-7-49 by Industrial Employment Review Board.

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DETAILS: AT DAYTON, OHIO

Major [redacted] b6 b7C Chief, Security Division, Command Provost Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, advised that his records reflect an investigation under the date of May 17, 1948, regarding subject, by 115th Detachment, CIC, Headquarters, Sixth Army, San Francisco, California, which contains the following information:

A religious cult, believed to advocate sexual perversion, was organized at subject's home at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California, which had been reported subversive, and that subject had been questioned regarding this organization on two occasions but nothing of a subversive nature was learned. The report further reflects that subject reportedly associated with one SIDNEY WEINBAUM, an alleged Communist Party member.

F.B.I. 12-21-50 Major [redacted] b6 b7C further advised that on September 29, 1948, the Army, Navy, Air Force Personnel Security Board, which handles clearance of Government contractor personnel, denied subject clearance for access to classified information.

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On March 7, 1949, the Industrial Employment Review Board reversed the above decision concerning subject and he was given access to classified material. This Board stated that the suspension was effected without sufficient cause.

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REFERENCE: Report SA [redacted] 11-2-50, Los Angeles

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TITLE

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Nine of thirteen documents removed by subject from Hughes Aircraft classified "Confidential". Three of the classified documents are carbon copies of actual Hughes Aircraft material, of which Hughes has originals. Subject's association with American Civil Liberties Union set forth. Information concerning Church of Thelema and subject's activities in WEINBAUM group set forth.

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DETAILS:

CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

On November 14, 1950 [redacted], Air Provost Marshal, Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that photostatic copies of the documents recovered at the [redacted] residence, which had been left there by subject, had been reviewed and classified by [redacted] MCREOA-1, and Major [redacted] Ordnance Liaison Officer, Redstone Arsenal. The following security classification determinations were made:

Item 1	Unclassified
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Item 7	Confidential
Item 8	Unclassified
Item 9	Unclassified
Item 10	Unclassified
Item 11	Confidential
Item 12	Confidential
Item 13	Confidential

A description of the material in the above-listed items has been previously reported.

[redacted] Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft Company, advised November 24, 1950 that all material developed at Hughes Aircraft pertaining to Project MX904 and relating to details of propulsion is classified "Confidential" by order of Air Force Directive CD356 dated 1st July, 1950, page 4. The material in the above-listed classified material comes within the purview of this Air Force Directive, according to [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION PERTAINING TO DOCUMENTS

On November 24, 1950 [redacted] Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft; Major [redacted] Air Force Officer in Charge at Hughes Aircraft; and the writer examined the original documents recovered at the [redacted] residence, which documents are being retained at Hughes Aircraft in a sealed envelope.

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Of the classified material, it was noted that Items 11, 12, and 13 are carbon copies of actual Hughes Aircraft documents. These carbon copies were typed on green sheets of paper. Partial copies had been made of Items 12 and 13 by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that Items 11, 12, and 13 are part of a report written jointly by PARSONS and [redacted] of Hughes Aircraft.

[redacted] Research Engineer, Hughes Aircraft, on November 24, 1950 was interviewed and advised that he presently resides at [redacted] Los Angeles, California. He stated that the Items 11, 12, and 13 make up a rough draft report completed at Hughes Aircraft in September, 1950 by PARSONS and himself. The material for this rough draft report came from personal notes made by [redacted] while at the Thiokol Corporation Branch at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. According to [redacted] this was a confidential report based on material taken from notes made at a confidential project, and no other reports or documents were used in the compilation of this report. [redacted] advised that actually PARSONS had had very little to

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do with the compilation of this material, but that it was, nevertheless, a joint project.

[redacted] head of the Missile Project Section, Hughes Aircraft, was interviewed on November 24, 1950, and advised that he presently resides at [redacted] Palos Verdes Estates, California. [redacted] stated that he can produce the originals of the documents of which PARSONS had carbon copies - Items 11, 12, and 13. The originals are now stamped "Confidential", but [redacted] explained that the classification stamp was not placed on these documents until after PARSONS was found to have the material from Hughes out of the plant. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that all the documents except Item 13 had been recovered at the [redacted] residence by himself and Special Agent [redacted] of this office on September 25. Item 13 had been returned to Hughes by [redacted] on September 25, 1950 and given to Colonel [redacted], Director of Security and Protection, Hughes Aircraft, who, in turn, gave it to [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] interviewed December 1, 1950 by Special Agent ALLEN H. SMITH and the writer at his place of employment, the [redacted] Burbank, California, furnished the following signed statement:

"Burbank, Calif.
Dec. 1, 1950

"I, [redacted], Palos Verdes, Calif., make the following statement freely and voluntarily to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know this statement can be used in court. b6 b7C

"During the latter part of September, 1950, at which time [redacted] was in the process of typing some documents for John Parsons, I realized that some of these documents might be of a classified nature. On September 25, 1950 I brought one of these documents to work with me with the idea of taking it to Hughes Aircraft that date to ascertain if the document was restricted. Prior to my going to Hughes, a [redacted] of Hughes called me and asked to have the document delivered to plant protection. Accordingly, on Sept. 25, 1950, I delivered this document to Colonel [redacted] who I believe is head of plant protection at Hughes. b6 b7C

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"This date I have observed a photostat of a document noted to be item 13 and headed 'Proposed Propellant Loading Plant for T-42 Motors', which consists of 6 pages stapled together. I recognize the top sheet of this item 13 to have the same context as the document I returned to Hughes. The document I returned to Hughes was a carbon copy typed on green sheets. For further identifying the document I returned, I recall some writing on the top sheet of the typewritten document and recall the words 'Falcon Missile' being lightly crossed out on the top sheet of this document.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety. I have initialed the first page and signed the second page.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed this date: 12/1/50
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent FBI 12/1/50 b6 b7C
/s/ Allen H. Smith, Special Agent FBI 12/1/50"

[redacted] advised that Mr. and Mrs. PARSONS had been personal friends and that the typing done by [redacted] for PARSONS had been on a personal basis. PARSONS had indicated, however, that he would reimburse [redacted] for her time. [redacted] stated he cannot positively identify the document he returned to Hughes, but that he did read it and can remember enough of the first page to effect an identification of the context. In this regard it is pointed out that [redacted] is a radio engineer by profession and is to some extent acquainted with technical terms.

Colonel [redacted], Director of Security and Protection, Hughes Aircraft Company, advised on November 30, 1950 that he recalls [redacted] bringing the document (Item 13) to him on September 25, which document he turned over to [redacted] b6 b7C

In a statement previously furnished by PARSONS on September 27, he stated he personally took the material to the [redacted] residence. [redacted] in a statement furnished on September 25, indicated the material was brought to her home by MARJORIE PARSONS, wife of subject. b6 b7C

On November 29, 1950 [redacted] advised that her statement as previously furnished was correct, and that it had been Mrs. PARSONS who had actually brought the material to her residence to be typed. She advised

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that she had discussed with subject and Mrs. PARSONS the details of her typing this material prior to the time Mrs. PARSONS actually delivered the documents.

On December 2, 1950 subject and Mrs. PARSONS were interviewed by Special Agent ALLEN H. SMITH and the writer, at which time they furnished the following signed statements:

"Redondo Beach, Calif.
Dec. 2, 1950

"I, John Whiteside Parsons, make the following statement to [redacted] and Allen H. Smith who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. This statement is made freely and voluntarily and I have been advised of my right to counsel. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised that this statement may be used in court. b6 b7C

"I wish to correct my statement of Sept. 27, 1950 inasmuch as I now recall that I did not take the Hughes material myself to the [redacted] residence. I did discuss and make the arrangements with [redacted] for her to type copies of this material for me. My wife actually took the material to the [redacted] residence on or about the 23rd of September. b6 b7C

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety.

"/s/ John W. Parsons

"Witnessed this date: 12/2/50
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent F.B.I. 12/2/50
/s/ Allen H. Smith, Sp. Agt. FBI" b6 b7C

"Redondo Beach,
California
Dec. 2, 1950

"I, Marjorie Parsons, 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California make the following statement freely and voluntarily to [redacted] and Allen H. Smith who have identified themselves to me b6 b7C

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"as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. I have been advised of my right to counsel and no threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement. I have been advised that this statement may be used in court.

"During the month of September, 1950 I was aware that my husband was preparing a proposal to be used as an application for a position in Israel. I did not know the source of this material but did proof-read the proposal for grammar and spelling. Arrangements were made by my husband and I for [redacted] to type this material. On or about Sept. 18, 1950 I took the material for the proposal to [redacted] and left same to be typed. This material I carried in a small box at this time.

"I have read the above statement and it is true and correct in its entirety. b6 b7C

"/s/ Marjorie Parsons

"Witnessed 12/2/50
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent FBI 12/2/50
/s/ Allen H. Smith, Spl Agt., F.B.I., Los Angeles 12/2/50"

PARSONS advised that he had gone to HERBERT T. ROSENFELD on the advice of Professor THEODORE VON KARMAN of the California Institute of Technology. VON KARMAN is an acquaintance of long standing, PARSONS stated, and he had recommended ROSENFELD as an old friend. PARSONS advised that ROSENFELD at no time requested any particular article or proposal be prepared but only requested a paper or write-up on what PARSONS was qualified to do in the way of employment. The particular data prepared, PARSONS stated, was of his own idea entirely.

Regarding THEODORE VON KARMAN mentioned above, the Los Angeles Times of September 27, 1948 contained an article indicating VON KARMAN, Director of the Guggenheim Laboratory of Aeronautics at California Institute of Technology, had been named to receive the 1948 Gold Medal Award of the Franklin Institute for his research on supersonic aircraft. This article indicated VON KARMAN has been a professor of aeronautics at California Institute of Technology since 1930 and during the war was chairman of the Scientific Advisory Group.

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BACKGROUND

[redacted] Security Supervisor, Hughes Aircraft, advised on November 24, 1950 that he had interviewed PARSONS prior to PARSONS' departure from Hughes Aircraft. At this time PARSONS admitted having been associated with SIDNEY WEINBAUM but stated he dropped out of this group in late 1939 or 1940 when it became too communistic. SIDNEY WEINBAUM has been previously identified in this case. PARSONS admitted he subscribed to the Daily People's World, a West Coast Communist Party organ, in 1938 and later joined the American Civil Liberties Union. A check of the Personnel Security Questionnaire completed April 11, 1949 for Hughes Aircraft revealed PARSONS indicated one of the organizations he had belonged to in 1946 was the American Civil Liberties Union.

Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised in September, 1950 that the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles has defended in some instances what they term the civil rights and liberties of Communist Party members and those who have been closely connected with the Los Angeles County Communist Party. T-1 advised that the policies of this organization have closely followed the Communist Party line, of which this informant has been familiar for a period of over 20 years. T-1 stated that this organization has also defended the civil rights and liberties of non-Communist Party members. (U)

[redacted] advised he had ascertained that one [redacted] is a Communist Party member.

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Regarding [redacted] advised on November 29, 1950 that she did not know any [redacted] but that subject had been acquainted with a [redacted] She did not recall PARSONS having resided with this individual but stated that it could have been possible and she would not have known of it.

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According to informant T-2, of known reliability, [redacted] was interviewed by employees of the Plant Protection Office of one of the major aircraft companies in Los Angeles in 1942, at which time he was employed in the aircraft industry. [redacted] admitted having attended one or two communistic meetings but became disgusted with the type of persons at these meetings. [redacted] was questioned regarding allegations of pro-German statements made by himself, but he denied ever having made same.

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It has been previously reported that records of the Provost Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, revealed an investigation under date of May 17, 1948 regarding subject. This investigation developed information indicating a religious cult, believed to advocate sexual perversion, was organized at subject's home, 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, and that this organization was reported subversive. Investigation also developed indicated subject to be associated with one SIDNEY WEINBAUM, previously mentioned.

Regarding subject's association with the WEINBAUM group, informant T-3, a source of known reliability who was formerly associated with [redacted] advised that PARSONS had furnished information prior to November, 1941 to T-3 concerning this group. (U) b6 b7C b7D

On November 4, 1942 PARSONS advised Special Agents [redacted] that about three years previously he had attended meetings at the home of WEINBAUM at which writings of KARL MARX and JOHN STRACHEY were studied. At this time PARSONS furnished information concerning the group of which WEINBAUM was a member.

Regarding the religious cult mentioned above with which PARSONS was associated, [redacted] has advised that this group was known as the Church of Thelema. b6 b7C

Regarding PARSONS' association with the Church of Thelema, it is noted that during the interview of September 27, 1950 by Special Agents ANATOLE N. OSSIPOFF and WILLIAM C. PATTERSON previously reported, PARSONS advised he was a member of a religious cult in 1941 while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena. He indicated at this time that he was no longer connected with the group and has severed all relations with it.

Sergeant [redacted] Pasadena Police Department, advised Special Agent ARTHUR C. WITTENBURG on April 3, 1950 that the Pasadena Police Department had received several complaints with regard to the activities in a home at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, which, at the time, was leased in the name of PARSONS. [redacted] records reflect some literature which indicated that at these premises were being held meetings of a cult which went under the name of the Church of Thelema. Descriptive literature indicates this cult broadly hinted at free love. [redacted] advised he had received several complaints of "strange goings on at this home", and that he recalled at the time that it was a gathering place of perverts. b6 b7C

In 1943 [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] at which time [redacted] indicated he b6 b7C

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considered himself [redacted] of the Church of Thelema, which organization was dedicated to spiritual advancement and improvement of self. He said a great many of the teachings and ideals of the Church of Thelema were based on the teachings of ALEISTER CROWLEY of London, England, an internationally known poet, and that the organization was sometimes referred to as Crowleyism or Crowleyites.

Also in 1943 subject was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] at which time PARSONS stated the Church of Thelema was a lodge and fraternity as well as a church, and that they studied philosophy as well as religion and attempted to inform themselves concerning all types and kinds of religion. He further stated that the Church of Thelema was "dedicated to the freedom and liberty of the individual." PARSONS advised at this time that they were anti-communistic and anti-fascist.

With the consent of [redacted] and Mrs. PARSONS the residence at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue was searched by Special Agents [redacted] in 1943, at which time nothing of a subversive nature was found. b6 b7C

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[redacted] The indices of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record of [redacted] previously mentioned.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will, if Bureau permission is granted, present this matter to the United States Attorney for prosecutive opinion.

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SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 12/7/50 at Los Angeles in captioned matter. b3 b6 b7C b7E

It is requested that this matter be presented to the Department of Justice for prosecutive opinion.

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Assistant Attorney General [redacted] December 20, 1950

Director, FBI

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, WA.
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ON [redacted]

There are being forwarded herewith copies of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent Wade H. Alley dated November 22, 1950, at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 7, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

On December 15, 1950, a representative of Hughes Aircraft advised that when Parsons' employment was terminated on September 26, 1950, Parsons requested the return of seven California Institute of Technology reports dated 1941 through 1944 which he had kept in his file drawer at Hughes Aircraft. These reports were all marked "confidential," and related to Air Corps jet propulsion research. Parsons was listed as coauthor of two reports.

On December 15, 1950, [redacted] at the Jet Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, advised that of these seven reports, two are confidential, two are restricted, two are classified, and the classification of the seventh is not known. [redacted] advised that a review of the seven reports might downgrade the present classifications. He said that during the period Parsons was employed at the Jet Laboratory security regulations were lax and it was a common practice for employees to remove reports for their own purposes. There was no charge out system of any consequence.

[redacted] has been requested to review these seven reports, [redacted] has advised that a final decision on the present classifications may take at least one month.

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You have previously been furnished reports in the case entitled "Dr. Sidney Weinbaum, was, Espionage - R; Perjury; and Fraud Against the Government." Weinbaum, you will recall, was convicted by the U. S. District Court in Los Angeles on September 7, 1950, on fraud and perjury charges growing out of the fact that he had concealed his membership in the Communist Party while employed at the California

Attachment

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You are also advised that T-6 in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 26, 1949, at Los Angeles in the case entitled [redacted] was, Internal Security - R," [redacted] This report was furnished you by letter dated August 4, 1950. b3 b6 b7C b7D

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You will note in the enclosed reports that Parsons stated that he intended to turn data over to Herbert Rosenfeld. You have previously been furnished copies of the reportsin the case entitled "Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld, Internal Security - R." The basis of the Rosenfeld investigation is his contact with [redacted] who was arrested by Agents of this Bureau in December, 1938, and who was subsequently convicted in Federal Court of espionage charges. He was sentenced to [redacted]

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You will note on page 10 of the enclosed report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles in this matter that Parsons advised that while residing at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California, he was a member of a religious cult which was alleged to have been involved in immoral activities. [redacted]

In March, 1944 [redacted] who was then connected with [redacted] advised that in the Summer of 1940, he was approached by a bartender in Long Beach, California, to attend a week-end party to be held at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California. [redacted] advised that after his arrival at that address he learned that what he thought was to be a week-end party was actually a meeting of a cult, known as "The Church of Thelma." During the course of the week-end [redacted] was initiated into this order, and stated that he does not recall anything of the initiation proceedings, except that all of the participants removed their clothes and were given robes. [redacted] advised that he was apparently drugged and that he spent two days and nights at 1003 South Orange Grove, and that there were forty or fifty members of the cult. [redacted] said that one [redacted] was interviewed in 1944, and that [redacted] Jack Parsons. [redacted] said that a girl named [redacted]

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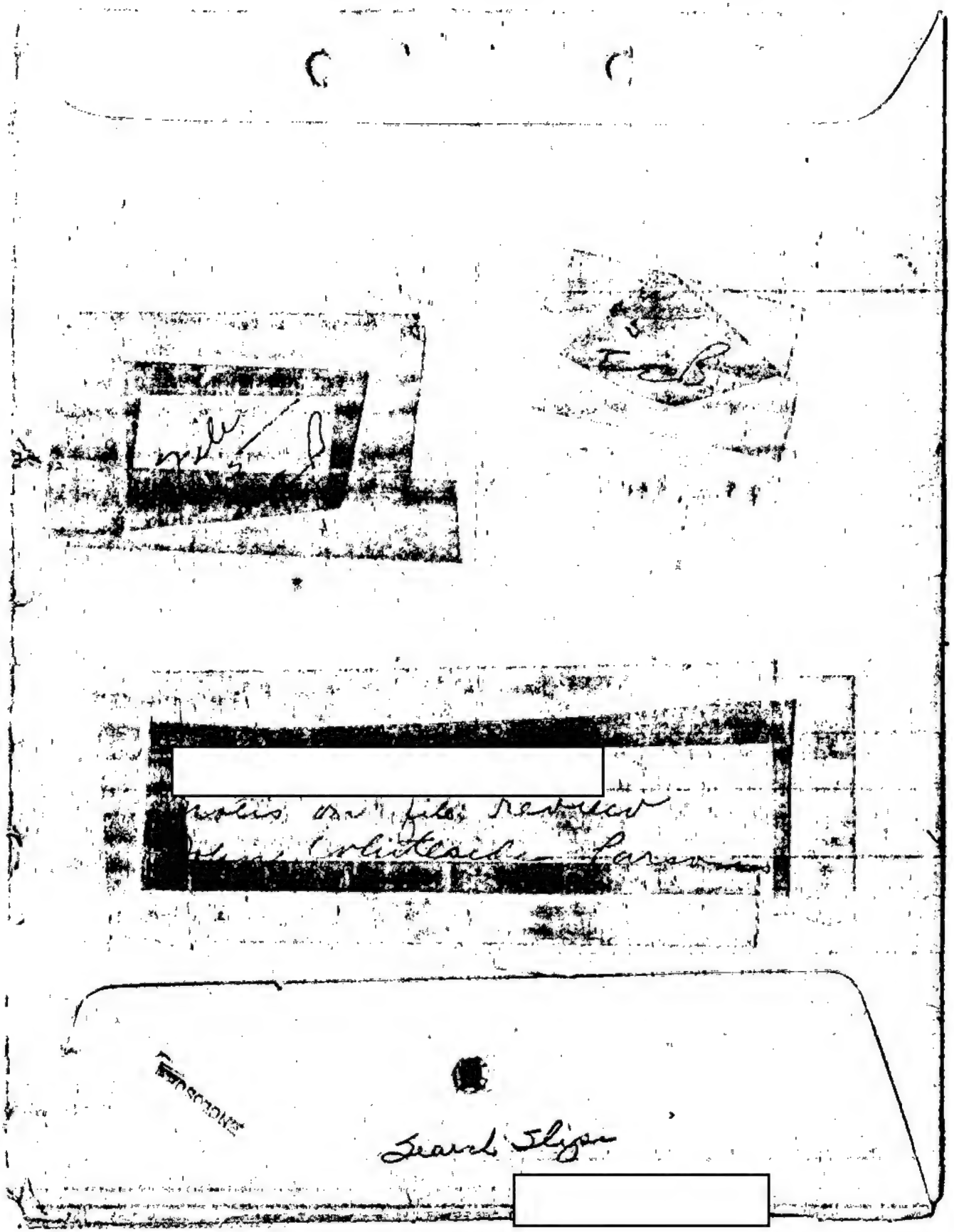
It is requested that you furnish your opinion as to whether or not the facts contained in the enclosed reports constitute a violation of any Federal statute, and whether or not prosecution is warranted.



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100-140330-3		NI
25-0-	289	NI
100-32380-25-7		NI
100-194316-1		NI
100-359682-85		I
100-60018-	652, 697	NR
100-430494-1		NR
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100-32764-14		NI
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62-10114	NR 1172, 1183
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7-1974-	704, 75-2 NS
	809 820 NS
	838 NS
40-58999-1	NR
100-52226-1189	NI
105-33465-32	NI
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62-62519-1	NI
61-9894-46 51	NI
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	820, 849 NS
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79-17794	2	NR
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100-26844	724	NI
46-11157	6	NS
46-9821	1	NS
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Subj: AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

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Subj: JACK PARSONS

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116-58335	NR
116-10887	NS
116-10174	NS
1-5743	NS
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116-36585 - 13, 14	NR NR
116-175999 - 10 9 14	NR

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Subj: Jack Parsons

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94-5-4987 NR

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Supervisor [redacted] Room 4[illegible] b6 b7C

Subj: Jack Parsons

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61-10172	118 p 20	NI
100-189320	2	I
100-151877	10	NR
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61-777-11	50 p 16	NR
100-3-16	1098 p 17	NR
100-96736	534	NR
61-8077	50	NR

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Parsons, John Whitteside
Pasadena, Calif

Employee of: Calif. Inst. of Tech.

CNO does not object to employment 11-8-50

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Memo to Clegg 10-24-40

Ref. made to following memoranda
from your supervisor [redacted] from b6
Capt. [redacted] ONI, Wash. D.C. b7C
dated Oct 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 1940.
It will be noted that these memos
transmitted lists of names with the
request that they be searched against
the indices of the Bureau and
any info. of a def. nature be
furnished ONI. Among lists
appeared name:

Mr. John Whitside Parsons
1848 Terrace Drive
Pasadena, Cal
Date of Birth: Not given

No def. info was found
on Parsons.

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Not Completed (Summary) - Files attached -

100-359682-52 Los Angeles Rept 9-1-49 Made by:
Arthur C. Wittenburg; [redacted] b3 b7E
Captioned: Dr. Sidney Weinbaum, with aliases:
Israel Weinbaum, Sydney Empson,
Sena Weinbaum, Sidney Vanbau
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BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Source T-1 of known reliability, advised that he was conversant with the fact that the records of the LA County CP indicated subj., using the party alias of Sydney Empson was a member of the Professional Unit #122 in Pasadena, California, during the yrs. 1937-1939. This same source supplied party card numbers for the years 1938 and 1939. Additionally, he advised that the subj. was the unit representative to the County Commission and was County Organizer for the section. 5K (4)

BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF DR. SIDNEY WEINBAUM

Subj. is a Russian born naturalized citizen who has resided in the US since 1922. According to the subj., after his father was murdered by the Bolshevik forces, he escaped from Russia through Poland, where Russians assisted him to emigrate to the U.S. Shortly after his arrival here, he entered the Cal. Inst. of Tech. at Pasadena, Calif, where he was graduated with the degree of B.S. in 1924. After a period of private employment, the subj. went to Riga, Latvia, where he was married in 1928. On his return to the US, he again entered the Cal. Inst. of Tech & in 1933 obtained a degree of Ph.D. cum laude.

Since obtaining his Ph.D. degree, the subj. has specialized in the field of theoretical physics, and until 1941 he obtained a position with Bendix Aircraft Corporation, North Hollywood, Calif., and after remaining there for 2 yrs. he left to take a position at Buffalo, NY, with Curtiss-Wright Corp., which later became the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. In 1946 the subj. returned to Pasadena & was again employed by Cal. Inst. of Tech. in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is a separate enterprise not located on the campus.

He remained there until 7-19-49, when he was terminated because of refusal of Army authorities to allow him further access to classified material. Subj. was then rehired by the Inst. on the main campus in the Chemistry

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Department. Shortly after his rehire, the Board of Trustees of the Inst. placed him on a 90 day leave with pay & held a decision as to his permanent rehiring in abeyance pending the outcome of an appeal of the "denial of clearance" by the Army authorities.

The subj. presently resides with [redacted] at Los Angeles. Subject's current residence address is 648 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, Calif.

Weinbaum's birthdate is 3-16-98.

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Department. Shortly after his rehire, the Board of Trustees of the

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100-344485 = 4 Los Angeles Ltr

dated 6-13-46, made by [redacted]

[redacted] LA File #: 100-23588

Caption: [redacted]

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Synopsis of Facts: [redacted] employed as key scientist on Los Alamos DSM Project, Los Alamos, New Mex, from [redacted] On 3-13-45, while at Berkeley, [redacted] attempted to contact Martin Kamen, a former employee of the Project who was dismissed because it was believed he had passed top secret info. to Soviet representatives. On 5-26-45 [redacted] was placed on the "watch list" at the Los Alamos DSM Project by MED officials. [redacted] employed by Gabriel Giannini Company, Pasadena, Calif, from 9-15-45 to 12-1-45 ~~xxxx~~ as Research Engineer. Employed Northrup Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., 12-1-45 as Project Engineer and is presently working on a special project with John K. Northrup, President of Northrup Aircraft. Employment records at Northrup reflect no der. info. Former associates regard subj. as a loyal and trustworthy individual. No unusual activities or contacts observed.

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[redacted] listed John W. Parsons, 1003 South Orange Grove Pasadena, Calif. as a reference on his application form for employment at Northrup.

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Sgt. [redacted] of the Pasadena Police Dept. was interviewed by the Reporting Agent on April 3, 1950 at which time he checked his file and found that the Dept. had received several complaints with regard to the activities in a home at 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, which in 1943 was leased in the name of Parsons. [redacted] records reflect some literature which indicated that at these premises were being held meetings of a cult which went under the name of the Church of Thelema. Descriptive literature in the file indicated that this cult breadly hinted at free love. [redacted] advised that he had received several complaints of "strange goings-on at this home" and that he recalled at the time that it was a gathering place of perverts.

Source T-6, a reliable informant, was interviewed on 4-3-50 at which time he advised that he had been closely associated with Parsons in [redacted] was quite friendly with him during the period up to about [redacted]

This source offered no info. with regard to any questionable financial dealings with Parsons, but stated that he was fully conversant with his involvement in the "love cult". Likewise, he stated that he was certain that information in this regard was fairly common knowledge among scientists in the Pasadena area.

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[redacted] Pasadena, upon interview advised that he had known John W. Parsons for several yrs. and that to his knowledge he knew of no derogatory info. concerning Him other than his connection with the religious cult in Pasadena. He stated he personally believed Parsons was a loyal American citizen & that he had no info. concerning his being radically inclined. He stated that he believed that Parsons had at one time attended the Calif. Inst. of Tech. and that to the best of his knowledge Parsons had received some sort of a degree in Chemistry. He stated that Parsons was at present engaged in research work in connection with explosives and rocket propelled missiles. He stated that he did not know the name of Parsons present employer.

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100-164610-1 Los Angeles Rept 11-28-42; Made by [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles File #: 100-8196

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Subj. born Brenham, Tex, 10-12-12 , professor at Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena, , and in charge of Cal-Cit Project No. 1 of U.S. Army Air Corps. Subj. attended ~~xxxx~~ Communist meetings about three yrs. ago, having invited informant T-1 who also attended. Informant T-2 reports subj. held Communist meetings at his home and passed out Communist literature on the Army project to fellow workers.

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T-1 stated that about [redacted] he was invited by the subj. to attend meetings [redacted] Dr. Sidney Weinbaum 1136 Steuben St., Pasadena. T-1 stated that Dr. Weinbaum was at that time a professor at Calif. Inst. of Tech. and that he was certain that Weinbaum was a Communist. He stated that Weinbaum was born in Russia and at these meetings there was a [redacted] (phonetic) who reported the CP of Los Angeles at these meetings. T-1 stated that there were approximately six to eight other members of the facult

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100-345440-38 Los Angeles rept dated 4-27-49; Made by [redacted] Los Angeles File #: 100-22419

Captioned: Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld
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Rooms 923 and 924 , 154 Nasaau St., NYC, are occupied by the American Society for the Advancement of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa, Palestine, Inc. This organization publishes the Technion Yearbook and the society is also known as the "American Technion Society. The name of [redacted] appears on the door of Room 923. The indices of this office reflect no info. of a pertinent nature concerning the society or the name [redacted]

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96-0-55 - Memo from [redacted] 10-23-40 ~~SECRET~~
Ref. is made to ltr. from Brigadier Gen. Sherman Miles, U. S. Army, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington, D. C., of 10-10-40, in which he requested that the attached lists of names be searched against the indices of the Bureau.

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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS 10-9-40
168 Terrace Drive
Pasadena, California

Occupation: Research Fellow in Aeronautics, California Institute of Tech. Since 1939.

NO RECORD WAS LOCATED.

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Ltr. from [redacted] Col., CMP, [redacted] b6 b7C
Industrial Employment Review Board
To: North American Aviation, Inc., Municipal Airport, Los Angeles, Calif
Re: John W. Parsons
Captioned: Undesirable Employee for National Defense Work

Ref. is made to personnel security questionair submitted by your company in the case of the citizen whose name appears above &to the suspension of his employment in connection with classified Army, Navy, and Air Force contracts on 9-21-48.

An appeal was made from that suspension & the case was certified to the Industrial Employment Review Board.

The Board has considered the entire record, including all info. developed since the suspension, & now finds that:

A. The suspension was effected without sufficient cause
B. The appelant accordingly is entitled to be paid the amount of the actual monetary loss sustained by him because of any unemployment or change of employment resulting from such suspension
C. The consent of the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, & Air Force for the appellant's access to restricted, confidential, secret & top secret info. will be granted.

There is enclosed a grant of consent for the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Forces for the employment of Mr. Parsons on secret & top secret contracts. There is also inclosed a communication from the Judge Advocate General outlining the procedure to be followed by Mr. Parsons to obtain any actual monetary loss of wages. Any further correspondence relating to such payment should be ad ressed to the Judge Advocate General, Attention: Claims & Litigation Division, Dept. of the Army.

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100-190625-1641 Ltr. from War Dept, [redacted]
to the Director dated 6-6-45

Inclosed for your info. is an extract of copy #3 of the Manhattan Engineer District Monthly Intelligence Summary for May 1945.

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Activity re X-Metal

ADASTRA RESEARCH - NYBO - Ref. April Summary, pg.5 Reported by the Pasadena Branch Office that the subj. Company is apparently owned by John W. Parsons and that there is an undetermined association in the business with Parsons of [redacted] Both the forementioned gentlemen are employed on DSM work at the Institute of Technology. [redacted] is employed on [redacted] would indicate that he has little knowledge of the Project. Parsons is doing explosive work at CIT not related to DSM work, and he reportedly has been doing research in that field for a number of years. It appears that Parsons obtained the pound of x-nitrate for experimental purposes. Case RUC 24 May to NYBO where case is pending.

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[redacted] were all engaged in the original rocket research conducted on the Caltech Campus. As a result of this scientific association he said, they also mixed socially. It was at one of these social gatherings in 1938 [redacted]

It will be recalled that it has been previously reported in this case that at the time Summerfield was interviewed by agents of this office that he steadfastly maintained that he knew no one whom he even suspected of being a Communist, that he knew of no Communist activity in Pasadena and the Caltech campus and, likewise, that he had never attended any meeting that was Communistic in character.

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Ltr. from Dir to AG 3-11-49

In connection with the Bureau's investigation of Soviet Espionage in the U.S., It has been determined that Martin J. Summerfield, a reported member of the CP, is employed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Calif. Inst. of Tech., Pasadena, Calif. He is known to have associated, in the past, with known CP members. His position at the Calif. Tech. Jet Propulsion Laboratories is a most important one. In this position, he has access to top secret military information.

[redacted] Los Angeles Rept. 5-16-49; Made by Philip J. Reilly
Captioned: Martin J. Summerfield [redacted] b3 b6 b7C
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Subj. employed as Section Chief in Charge of Roc[redacted] b7E & Materials, Jet Propulsion Lab., Claif. Inst, of Tech. Subj through previous investigation found to be a close associat of [redacted] known CP member. [redacted] admitted CP member of the Professional Section of Los Angeles County CP, declared on 3-13-49 that Summerfield attended meetings of this section of the Party with him during 1938-39 but believes Summerfield later dropped out of the Party. No ~~xxx~~ documentary evidence of subjects membership available. No apparent association between subj. & Sidney Weinbaum at the present time. Summerfield left Los Angeles April 9, 1949 for Princeton, NJ. On 9-1-49, he is to be granted a 3 yr. leave of absence from the JPL to go to Princeton, NJ to wor under [redacted] on National Research Council ~~Xxxx~~ Project compiling material on all specific info. in the field of jet propulsion. No evidence of esp. activities on part of subj. developed.

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[redacted] LA rept; made by Philip J. Reilly dated 5-2-50

[redacted] of Pomona, Calif. admits past membership in Professional Unit [redacted] of CP in Pasadena 1938 -1939. States that Summerfield was present at many meetings of this unit during this period and unquestionably knew the Communist character of these meetings. on 1-11-50 John W. Parsons, 1200 Esplandade St. Redondo Beach, Calif, Physicis Dept. of Electronics & Guided Missles, Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif, was interviewed & stated that in 1938 he, [redacted] Martin Summerfield, [redacted]

[redacted] Procurement Section, MED, 8 South Broadway, upon interview revealed that he had been assigned to the Procurement Section of the Manhattan Engineering District Project in the Los Angeles area since Oct., 1943, and that his duties consisted primarily in the obtaining of materials for the different phases of the project at Cal Tech and Los Alamos, New Mexico. b6 b7C SECRET

[redacted] stated when [redacted] was in this area he usually stayed with John W. Parsons, 1003 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, Calif. [redacted] stated he believed [redacted] was in some way connected with the Association of Pasadena Scientist, which he considered a "crack-pot" organization whose members consisted of out-spoken young scientists who advocated civilian control of all phases of atomic energy. He said that this organization had as its purpose the elination of the military as the controlling factor of Atomic energy in order that the theory of atomic energy ~~xxx~~ could be made available for free research for present day scientists without being restrained by the military.

Lt. Col. [redacted] Area Engineer, Los Angeles Area MED, upon interview advised substantially the same info. as furnished by [redacted] and in addition stated that he did not believe that [redacted] was radically inclined. He stated he believed him to be reliable and loyal. He said the only suspicion he had ever had concerning the subj. was in connection with his residence while in Pasadena at the home of John W. Parsons. He stated he believed Parsons was something of a "crack-pot" who was active in a religious cult in Pasadena, whose headquarters were at his home at 1005 South Orange Grove Avenue. However, he stated that he had since been convinced that Parsons was harmless and that he was just somewhat of a religious fanatic. b6 b7C

A review of the Los Alamos files relative to [redacted] reflects that whenever he was in Pasadena on official project business he usually resided with John W. Parsons at the above-listed address. It is also noted that [redacted] listed parsons as a ref. in his application for employment at the Northrup

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JOHN W. PARSONS
1003 South Orange Grove Avenue
Pasadena, Calif

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A review of the Los Alamos files relative to [redacted] reflects that whenever he was in Pasadena on official project business he usually resided with John W. Parsons at the above listed address. It is also noted that [redacted] listed Parsons as a reference in his application for employment at the Northrup Aircraft Corporation.

Source B advised that Parsons upon interview admitted that he was a member of the Church of Thelma, which was in fact a small society, but because of the small size of the local organization could not become an official branch of the Temples. Parsons related that the Church of Thelma was a lodge or fraternity, as well as a church, and that they study philosophy as well as religion and attempt to inform themselves concerning all types and kinds of religion and further, that the Church of Thelma was dedicated to the freedom and liberty of the individual. Source B further advised that Parsons stat d that they were anti-Communistic and anti-Faccist and that they were one hundred % in accord with the war effort. He stated he had first became affiliated with the organization approximately 3 yrs ago; that it was entirely tolerant and was concerned with the brotherhood of all manking and that the organization had no violent aims whatsoever but was teaching by example. He advised that he himself belonged to this organization because "it fulfills my religious needs" and that the organization was opposed to regimentation.

At this time Parsons indicated that he had registered on 10-16-40 with Local Board 84, Pasadena, Calif., and was presently classified 3-A

Source A furnished the following description of Parsons: 6'1", 185 Pounds, brown eyes and hair, ruddy complexion, occupation - aeronautics, rocket propuls on of planes.

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The files of the Pasadena Police Dept. reflected substantially the same information concerning Parsons as th. that furnished by Source B.

In addition, it was ascertained that [redacted] Pasadena, Calif, [redacted] somatimes employed by the Pasadena Police Dept., was an acquaintance of John W. Parsons and could possibly furnish additional info. concerning him.

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100-189320-1 Los Angles Rept; Made by [redacted]
LA File #: 100-17453-
Captioned: Church of Thelma b6
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Church of Thelma was incorporated in Calif. April 14, 1934, as a religious organization, by Wilford Talbot Smith, who styles himself as the high priest of the society. Total active membership is approximately twenty, & headquarters of the organization is 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, Calif. The foundamental principles of the Society are "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law", and its purpose appears to be preservation of individual liberty and freedom. Leaders of the organization x state they are anti-Communistic, and are in accord with the war effort, and are fully American. There is no indication of any subversive activity, and the organization appears to be religious and perhaps a cult.

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John Parsons, at 1003 South Orange Grove Drive was interviewed . He advised that the Church of Thelama was in fact a small organization, modoled very much on the " "order of Oriental temples, an English society", xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx but that because of the small size of the local organization, could not become an official branch of the temples. Stated that the C. of T. was a lodge or fraternity, as well as a church; that they studied philosophy, as well as religion, and attempted to inform themselves concerning all types & kinds of religion, & further that the C. of T. was "dedicated to the freedom & liberty of the individual".

Parsons advised that they were anti-Communistic & anti Fascist, & that they were 100% in accord with the war effort. He advised that he had first become affiliated with the organization approximately 3 yrs. ago; that it was entirely toberant, and was concerned with the brotherhood of all mankind; that the organization had no violent aims whatsoever, but was teaching by example. He advised that he himself belonged to the organization because it Wfulfill my religious needs"; that the organization was opposed to regimentation, but realizing the smallness of the organi-

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zation, and realizing the need for unity and concerted effort in time of war, would make no effort whatsoever to bring their views and ideals into general practice [redacted] the conclusion of the present war; and finally, that the organization, the C. of T., was an appeal to free thinkers to come forward and act as leaders, & that through a ritualistic form of religious and philosophical training, attempted to develop its members.

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[redacted] who is connected with [redacted] gave the following info re. to the Church of Thelma which he states is also known as O.T.O. and Oriena Templus Orientus (phonetic).

[redacted] stated that in June or July of 1940 he was approached by Hiller's Bar, Long Beach, Calif, by the Bartender, [redacted] and invited to a party to be held over the weekend.- to be held at 1003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, Calif.

After his arrival at the Orange Grove address, [redacted] learned that what he thought was to be a weekend party was actually a meeting of a cult known as "The Church of Thelma." During the course of the weekend, [redacted] was initiated into this Order & states that he does not recall anything of the initiation proceedings except that all of the participants had all their clothes removed & they wore robes for the occasion. Prior to the proceedings [redacted] was given a glass of liquor which apparently was drugged thus causing him not to remember much of the proceedings. On this occasion [redacted] spent 2 days and nights in the house used by this Order where he met approx. 40 or 50 members.

The house at 1003 South Orange Grove is said to be occupied by one Jack Parsons who is a chemist and supposedly working in a defense plant in Pasade a during the day and doing some work in his own lab. at this address at night. Parsons is said to be connected with the U. in Pasadena.

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W. T. Smith is said to be the head of the organization in Calif. at the present time. He is assisted by [redacted]. There is said to be a girl named [redacted] who is apparently the concubine for the organization.

There is also a man whose first name is [redacted] who is [redacted] & who is now said to be in NYC organizingfor the Order. [redacted] was at one time supposed to have been a professor [redacted] Orders for the activities of this organization are received from Sir. Allister Crowley, London, England.

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The Church of Thelma recruits as a fraternal order under this name and publishes a book called "The Book of the Law" which book tears down everything democracy stands for. This book preaches that whatever one desires to do is the proper thing to do. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he received ltrs. from W. T. Smith while he was in the Army requesting some military info. He also received a ltr. from a man named [redacted] who is said, at the present time, to be in training as a Naval officer in Albuquerque, NMex. In this ltr. [redacted] stated that as members of the Order they must keep quiet at the present time but that a time would come when they would be able to speak up.

Dept has previously been furnished copies ~~SECRET~~ of reports in the case entitled Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld - DL - R.

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The basis of investigation in that case was Rosenfeld's contacts with [redacted] You will recall that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] were arrested by agents of this Bureau in 1/35. They were tried & convicted of espionage charges [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] reports [redacted] obtained by virtue of this employment by [redacted] was pertinent

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

DATE: December 19, 1950 b6 b7C

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, WA.
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Purpose:

To inform you that the subject has admitted taking seventeen documents pertaining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the Hughes Aircraft Company, and that the matter is being referred to the Department for a prosecutive opinion.

Details:

On September 15, 1950, Parsons took seventeen documents from Hughes Aircraft Company where he is employed. He has furnished a signed statement admitting removal of the documents without authority, and stating he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosive plant in Israel, and data concerning rockets and other armaments. Parsons hoped that by so doing to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel. All documents have been recovered. Parsons intended to turn them over to Herbert Rosenfeld, the subject of a pending Internal Security - R case. (100-345440)

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Recommendation:

This is submitted for your information. A letter to the Department requesting a prosecutive opinion is attached hereto.

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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, WA., ESPIONAGE - IS. REMYLET DEC. EIGHT, FIFTY. HUGHES AIRCRAFT ADVISED TODAY WHEN PARSONS EMPLOYMENT TERMINATED SEPT. TWENTYSIX, PARSONS REQUESTED RETURN OF SEVEN CALIF. INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REPORTS DATED FORTYONE THROUGH FORTYFOUR HE HAD KEPT IN HIS FILE DRAWER AT HUGHES. REPORTS NOT RETURNED PARSONS. REPORTS ALL MARKED QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL UNQUOTE AND RELATE TO AIR CORPS JET PROPULSION RESEARCH. PARSONS LISTED AS CO AUTHOR OF TWO REPORTS. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] REPORT GROUP, C.I.T., JET LAB, TODAY ADVISED FOLLOWING PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF REPORTS-- TWO CONFIDENTIAL, TWO RESTRICTED, TWO CLASSIFIED AND ONE NOT KNOWN. [redacted] ADVISED REVIEW OF SEVEN REPORTS MAY DOWN GRADE PRESENT CLASSIFICATION. [redacted] INDICATED THAT DURING PERIOD PARSO EMPLOYED JET LAB SECURITY REGULATIONS LAX AND IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE TO REMOVE REPORTS FOR OWN PURPOSES. HAD NO CHARGE OUT SYSTEM OF ANY CONSEQUENCES. REQUEST BEING MADE OF [redacted] TO REVIEW REPORTS BUT HE HAS REVEALED A FINAL DECISION ON PRESENT CLASSIFICATION MAY TAKE AT LEAST ONE MONTH. YOUR ATTENTION CALLED TO FACT REQUEST MADE BY REFERENCED LETTER TO PRESENT THIS MATTER TO DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTIVE OPINION.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	ESPIONAGE - IS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On December 15, 1950, Hughes Aircraft revealed subject in possession of seven "confidential" reports of Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory, California Institute of Technology at time of termination of employment from Hughes. Present existing classification of reports as follows: 2 Confidential, 2 Restricted, 2 Unclassified, and 1 classification not known. Subject executed signed statement December 19, 1950, admitting possession of reports. Indications security regulations lax at California Institute of Technology during PARSONS' employment.

DETAILS:

On December 15, 1950, the writer was advised by [redacted] Security Officer, Hughes Aircraft, that at the time of PARSONS' termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft, he had in his possession seven reports of the Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, all of which reports are stamped "Confidential". An itemized list of these seven reports is as follows:

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7. Air Corps Jet Propulsion Research, GALCIT Project No. 1, Test Report No. 1: REPORT ON THE TESTS OF THE AEROJET XAS-1000 TYPE JET UNITS, [redacted] b6 b7C Copy No. 16, classified CONFIDENTIAL, California Institute of Technology, July 20, 1943.

[redacted] Report Group, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, b6 b7C California Institute of Technology, advised on December 15, 1950, that of the above listed reports, the present existing classification is as follows:

Item 1	Unclassified
Item 2	Classification unknown.
Item 3	Unclassified
Item 4	Restricted
Item 5	Confidential
Item 6	Confidential
Item 7	Restricted.

[redacted] further advised that a review of these reports may down- b6 b7C grade the present classification and accordingly a request has been submitted [redacted] to review these reports to ascertain if the present existing classification is correct.

Regarding PARSONS' possession of these reports, [redacted] advised that b6 b7C security regulations during the early stages of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory were lax and that it was common practice to remove reports from the Laboratory for private purposes. In some cases, personal copies were issued to the employees for private purposes and no charge out system of any consequence was in effect at this time. [redacted] stated that he will, if possible, ascertain to whom the above listed copies of these reports were signed out.

On December 15, 1950, [redacted] turned over the above described b6 seven reports to the writer and Special Agent [redacted] which reports b7C will be retained as evidence. [redacted] advised that these reports had been turned over to him by [redacted] of the Propulsion Section, Hughes Aircraft on December 12, 1950 at which time [redacted] signed a receipt for [redacted]

[redacted] Administrative Assistant, Propulsion Section, Hughes b6 b7C Aircraft, advised December 18, 1950, that he had obtained the seven reports described above from PARSONS at the time of PARSONS termination of employment

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at Hughes Aircraft on September 26, 1950. According to [redacted] it is the policy of the Propulsion Section to "check-out" an employee on termination of employment and at the time of PARSONS' termination, the seven reports were in the possession of PARSONS. [redacted] stated that he pointed out to PARSONS that he could not let him take these documents from Hughes since they were indicated to be classified "Confidential". PARSONS then requested [redacted] to clarify the present classifications of the reports and return them to him if at all possible. [redacted] advised that on December 12, 1950, he turned over these seven reports to [redacted] of the Security Office and that [redacted] executed a receipt dated December 12, 1950. [redacted] advised that he has retained this receipt executed by [redacted] b6 b7C

On December 19, 1950, PARSONS came to the Los Angeles Office and furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
Dec. 19, 1950

"I, John Whiteside Parsons, make the following statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice. This statement is made freely and voluntarily and I have been advised of my rights to counsel. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised that this statement may be used in court. b6 b7C

"I have had exhibited to me this date, 7 reports of the Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory, California Institute of Technology identified as follows (1) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #13, Copy #21, dated 12/28/43 (2) Galcit Project #1, Operating Manual #1, copy #24, dated 11/1/42 (3) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #15, copy #25, dated 3/25/44 (4) Galcit Project #1, Report #15, copy #33, dated 10/16/42, (5) Galcit Project #1, Progress Report #12, copy #22, dated 11-15-43 (6) Galcit Project #1, Report #9, copy #42, dated 9/2/41 (7) Galcit Project #1, Test Report #1, copy #16, dated 7/20/43. I recognize these 7 documents as the ones I turned over to [redacted] of Hughes Aircraft at the time of my termination of employment there. b6 b7C

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"These 7 documents came into my possession at the time of my employment with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the Aerojet Engineering Corporation. I cannot more specifically recall the time these documents came into my possession, nor can I recall the manner they came into my possession. I considered the reports to be my own personal copies and as such retained them. I used material from these reports at my work while at Aerojet and Hughes Aircraft. I do not recall ever having permitted anyone to see these reports except during the time I was at Hughes Aircraft when it is possible other Hughes employee may have seen them.

"At no time did it occur to me that I illegally had these reports in my possession until the incident arose at Hughes Aircraft involving me with the removal of some Hughes documents. At the time of this incident, it occured to me these 7 reports may also be in question and accordingly, I turned them over to [redacted] b6 b7C for clarification of the classification of the reports. I was aware that the material was originally classified as confidential but it was my impression that the reports had been down graded on reclassified.

"I have read this statement consisting of three pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed all corrections and each page.

/s/ "John W. Parsons

Witnesses
[redacted] Special Agent F.B.I. 12/19/50
[redacted] SA, FBI, Los Angeles 12/19/50." b6 b7C

At the time of furnishing the signed statement, PARSONS identified the seven reports that were turned over to the writer as being identical with the reports he had in his possession at Hughes Aircraft. Accordingly PARSONS signed the back of these reports as "JOHN W. PARSONS", with the Date December 19, 1950. At this time the writer and SA [redacted] also initialed the back of each report. PARSONS identified the printed notation "J.W. Parsons personal copy" appearing on the front of items 1, 5 and 6 as being in his own handwriting.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE,
At Los Angeles, California:

Will report results of review of seven Guggenheim Aeronautics Laboratory reports obtained from subject by Hughes Aircraft being made by [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, to ascertain if the present existing classification of these reports is correct.

Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 12/7/50 at Los Angeles, California. b6 b7C

Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated December 15, 1950.

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Assistant Attorney General [redacted] February 3, 1951

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 18, 1951, entitled "John Whiteside Parsons, Wa., Espionage - RS," your reference JMM:CEM:vb.

Particular reference is made to paragraph 6 of your memorandum which requested advice as to whether the Dr. Theodore Von Karman, under whom [redacted] formerly worked at Columbia University, is identical with Professor Theodore Von Karman of the California Institute of Technology, who referred subject Parsons to Herbert T. Rosenfeld. Your memorandum also requested advice as to whether this Bureau has any information indicating that the above matters are at all related.

Information in the files of this Bureau, furnished by reliable informants, reflects that Dr. Theodore Von Karman, who was a former superior of [redacted] at Columbia University, has been Director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Research Laboratory and Professor of Aeronautics at the California Institute of Technology since the late 1930's. He has served in various capacities with United States Government agencies.

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According to the informants, Dr. Von Karman, as Director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Research Laboratory, played an important part in causing the Air Force to set up the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology in the early 1940's, and was an original stockholder in the Aerojet Engineering Company of Azusa, California, a private firm which was set up to manufacture pilot models developed at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Because of the fact that John Whiteside Parsons, during a recent interview, advised he was employed from 1938 to 1944 by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, and from 1941 to 1946 by the Aerojet Engineering Company, it appears that [redacted] who introduced Parsons to Herbert T. Rosenfeld in Montreal with that individual who was a superior of [redacted] at Columbia University.

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This Bureau has no information indicating that the cases of [redacted] and Parsons are related other than that information which has been previously furnished you and that which is herein set out. b6 b7C

There is furnished for your additional information the results of a review of the files of this Bureau concerning the name Theodore Von Karman:

As of recent date, another Government agency that conducts intelligence investigations advised this Bureau that they were in possession of information concerning one Todar Karman. The information had been furnished them by letter from Vienna, Austria, dated April 1, 1948, and was originally furnished by a source evaluated as fairly reliable.

According to the source, Todar Karman joined the Hungarian Communist Party in 1918 while working as Assistant Professor of Physics at the Josesf Nador Technical University, Budapest, Hungary. In 1919, when the Communists seized power in Hungary, Karman was appointed Deputy Commissar of Cultural and Educational Affairs in charge of Higher Education. Karman continued to function in that capacity until late 1919 when Communists were routed by the Nationalist forces of Admiral Horthy. At that time, Karman was forced to flee from Hungary and escaped to Germany where he settled at Aachen. His membership was then transferred to the German Communist Party. Karman engaged in scientific work in Germany and was invited to lecture at the University of Aachen. In 1931 he received an invitation to lecture in the United States and was issued an entry visa to the United States from 1931 to 1933.

According to the source, Karman gave several lecture courses at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, and returned each time to Aachen after the completion of the courses. After Hitler seized power in Germany, Karman applied for an extension of his permit of residence in the United States and was subsequently granted an extended residence permit. He then became a regular Professor at the California Institute of Technology and during World War II engaged in research work in Aerodynamics for the Army Air Forces.

The source also stated that in 1945, Karman was assigned to a position on the research staff of an Army-sponsored guided missile project at Pasadena, a position which the source believed

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he maintained as of 1948. The source further believed that Karman covered up his Communist Party membership when first applying for an entry visa to the United States in 1931.

The Chicago Office of this Bureau has recently advised that one [redacted] telephonically contacted that office while passing through the City of Chicago. [redacted] advised that he had been previously employed on the development of rockets and guided missiles in the Guggenheim Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology in 1943 and 1944. He also advised that after the war he spent some time in Germany checking laboratories of German scientists and that he selected approximately 100 such scientists to be allowed to enter the United States to complete their scientific work. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalled the fact that he had read recent newspaper articles concerning [redacted] who was an Assistant to Dr. Theodore Von Karman and who had classified information of the United States Government in belongings which he was taking with him to China. He also recalled that [redacted] has been described in recent news articles as having allegedly held Communist cell meetings in his home before World War II. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had the reputation of being Dr. Von Karman's "shadow" at the California Institute of Technology and had worked on classified and restricted projects with Dr. Von Karman. b6 b7C

[redacted] also reported that at the end of the war he had spoken with Colonel [redacted] of the U. S. Army Air Force who advised [redacted] that he had held a private meeting with Dr. Von Karman and during this meeting Dr. Von Karman questioned [redacted] regarding the atomic bomb. According to [redacted] his conversation with Colonel [redacted] brought up the question as to whether Dr. Von Karman should have had access to atomic information at a time which was approximately one and one-half years before information regarding the bomb had been revealed to the public. b6 b7C

The present address of [redacted] is unknown; however, he stated that he had formerly resided at [redacted] Los Angeles and had received mail at [redacted] advised that he believes Colonel [redacted] is now retired from the Air Force and presently resides in Alabama. Pertinent reports b6 b7C

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have been furnished you in connection with the investigations entitled [redacted] wa., Espionage - R" and [redacted] wa., Internal Security - R."

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During an investigation of [redacted] conducted by this Bureau in 1945, reliable informants advised that on January 9, March 7, March 22, April 3, April 24 and 25, 1945, Dr. Theodore Von Karman, who was then associated with the Army Air Forces, contacted [redacted] The investigation of [redacted] was based on information furnished by other reliable informants to the effect that [redacted] was in frequent contact with members of [redacted] The informants also advised that [redacted] had been associated with Russian War Relief and the National Council for American Soviet Friendship. At that time [redacted] was [redacted]

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In 1947 when interviewed in connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, Dr. Theodore Von Karman stated that he was then Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces and a holder of the Medal of Merit.

In the January 1, 1951, issue of "Time" magazine, a photograph of Dr. Von Karman appears, together with an article which relates how he and four associates originally invested $8,700 and established the Aerojet Engineering Company of Azusa, California, as a result of Von Karman's knowledge that rockets would be an important weapon. The article states that the Aerojet Company now has a $25,000,000 backlog of orders and is planning a new $6,000,000 plant.

The present address of Dr. Theodore Von Karman is reported to be Scientific Advisory Board, Office of the Director, Research and Development, Deputy Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force, The Pentagon.

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There are attached for your additional information copies of the following reports which were made in connection with an investigation of which Dr. Theodore Von Karman was carried as a subject:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 7, 1940, at Los Angeles; b6 b7C

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 12, 1941, at Los Angeles;

Report of Special Agent Logan J. Lane dated October 6, 1941, at Cincinnati, Ohio;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 3, 1942, at Los Angeles;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 30, 1943, at Los Angeles.

Pertinent information concerning Dr. Von Karman has been furnished the Director of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, with the request that that agency advise whether Dr. Von Karman is presently employed by the Department of the Air Force. That agency was also requested to advise whether their files contain any information which will substantiate or disprove the recent allegations received concerning Dr. Von Karman.

You will be furnished any additional pertinent information received or developed concerning this matter.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

cc to Dr x 051 2-10-51 DER:dcm

cc to G-2 2-27-51 DER:dcm

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, advises present active classification of reports in possession of subject at termination of employment Hughes Aircraft as follows: 3 confidential, 1 restricted, 3 unclassified. Jet Laboratory advises possibility exists all reports could be downgraded to unclassified by Air Forces.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, advised by letter December 29, 1950 that the classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the possession of PARSONS at the termination of his employment at Hughes Aircraft are, in the present active sense, as follows:

1. Unclassified
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It is noted that these classifications are different, in some cases, than those previously furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in reviewing these reports, it is the considered opinion of the Laboratory that all this material could be downgraded to unclassified. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory has no authority to downgrade these documents, however, this authority being vested only in the U. S. Air Forces inasmuch as the research which led to their publication was sponsored by the Air Forces. [redacted] stated that Items 3, 4, 5 and 6 above were, according to their records, delivered to the Aerojet Engineering Corporation for specific use of engineers at that agency. It has been previously reported that PARSONS was formerly employed by Aerojet. b6 b7C

[redacted] Air Provost Marshal's Office, Los Angeles Air Force Field Procurement Office, 155 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised on January 9, 1951 that a review of the reports in question by the Air Forces would have to be made by the office of the Air Provost Marshal, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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For the information of the Cincinnati Office, Hughes Aircraft revealed on December 15, 1950 that subject was in possession of the above listed seven reports from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the time of his termination of employment at Hughes. These documents were turned over to the Los Angeles Office on December 18, 1950.

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LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE:

At Dayton, Ohio: Will, through the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, ascertain if the present classification of the seven reports of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, in question as furnished by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are correct and the name of the individual who can testify as to their classification.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated January 3, 1951 at Los Angeles. b6 b7C

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 3, 1951

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HERBERT THEODORE ROSENFELD
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(LA File 100-22419)

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Reference is made to the reports of SA [redacted] dated November 2, 1950, and [redacted] dated December 7, 1950, in the case entitled "John Whiteside Parsons, aka., Jack Parsons, Espionage - IS."

From the information contained in these reports it appears that Herbert Thodore Rosenfeld is the President of the American Technion Society which is described as being officially designated by the Israeli Government to provide certain information for the benefit of Israel.

The Bureau desires that you immediately reopen this investigation and consolidate in your initial report all pertinent information concerning the activities of Rosenfeld and his association with Parsons, including the request on the part of Rosenfeld for Parson to submit a detailed plan relative to the cost of equipment in explosive processes, during the latter's negotiations with Rosenfeld for a position in Israel.

This report should be prepared so that it may be disseminated to the Department of Justice. The Bureau has requested the Department to advise whether Rosenfeld has registered with the Attorney General under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as amended, and when this information is received you will be promptly advised.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, Parsons in a signed statement dated September 27, 1950, admitted entering negotiations with Rosenfeld in approximately October, 1948 for the purpose of securing

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[redacted] (John Whiteside Parsons)

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cc [redacted] (John Whiteside Parsons)

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a position in Israel. In connection with this, Parsons submitted to Rosenfeld suggested plans for the construction of an explosive plant, and in approximately June, 1950 Parsons was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed cost of the equipment in explosive processes which he had proposed, and in July and August, 1950, he prepared a revised proposal. CONFIDENTIAL

According to Parsons, the subject represented the Technion Group in Israel which consisted of a number of coordinated Israeli Government agencies and private industries for the purpose of technical development in Israel.

Parsons also stated that in September or October, 1949 he contacted Rosenfeld who requested him to prepare a proposal regarding the building of an explosivesplant in Israel, and data concerning rockets and other armaments on which Parsons would be able to conduct research work in Israel. Parsons advised that he submitted such a proposal to Rosenfeld, but did not hear anything from him until August, 1950 when he recontacted the subject and Rosenfeld requested him to submit a new proposal pertaining to the cost of a jet propulsion development program on which Parsons would do research work in Israel.

The Los Angeles Office has advised that Herbert Theodore Rosenfeld is President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society, and according to the October 21, 1949, issue of the B'nai B'rith Messenger, the American Technion Society has been designated officially by the Israeli Government as the American body providing the "know-how" to enlarge modern techniques achieved by the United States so that it may benefit Israel. [redacted] b3 b7E

Parsons has indicated that Rosenfeld did not at any time require him to prepare any particular articles on proposal. (Ibid - 3)

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The Washington Field Office is instructed to ascertain whether the American Technion Society is registered with the Secretary of State and also determine whether Rosenfeld is registered as an agent of a foreign government with the Secretary of State, and if he is registed, obtain complete details relative to the information appearing in his registration, and advise the Los Angeles Office and the Bureau of the results of these inquiries,

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SAC, Los Angeles

January 19, 1951

Director, FBI

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka
JACK PARSON'S
ESPIONAGE - IS

For your information the facts in this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department on December 20, 1950, for an opinion as to whether or not there has been a violation of any Federal Statute, and whether prosecution is warranted.

You will be advised of the Department's decision in this matter.

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Assistant Attorney General [redacted] January 16, 1951

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JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS
aka Jack Parsons
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1950 requesting an opinion regarding prosecution.

There is enclosed for your assistance one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, California, dated January 3, 1951.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 27, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
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Reurtel today.

Being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail are photographic copies of documents described in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 2, 1950, at Los Angeles. It is noted that a number of these photos had been initialed by the subject and it is accordingly requested that these photos be returned to the Los Angeles office after they have served their purpose at the Bureau in order that they might be retained.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO	2-24-51	2-21,23-51	WADE H. ALLEY MHW

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Security Classification Section, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, advises Jet Propulsion reports declassified October, 1945.

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DETAILS: AT DAYTON, OHIO

[redacted] Security Classification Section, Security Policy Division, Intelligence Department, Building 263-B, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, advised that the reports relating to Jet Propulsion were prepared in connection with Air Material Command project MX-121 which was instituted in 1941.

In October, 1945, this entire project was declassified and as a result all reports prepared and written in connection with the project were declassified at this time.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted] 93.

FROM : [redacted] 24 5

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SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
ESPIONAGE - IS

PURPOSE

To have Liaison deliver reports in captioned matter to OSI and secure answers to two questions propounded by the Criminal Division.

DETAILS

As you will recall, the subject has admitted in a signed statement removal of 17 documents without authority from the Hughes Aircraft Company, Los Angeles, California, where he was formerly employed. Parsons stated he planned to use the data in preparing proposals for building an explosives plant in Israel and also for research work on rockets and other armaments in Israel. Parsons intended to turn the documents over to Herbert Rosenfeld, through whom he hoped to obtain employment as a research worker in Israel.

Copies of reports have been prepared for dissemination to OSI by the Liaison Section.

This matter has been presented to the Department for an opinion and the Department has now advised that it appears there is a violation of Section 793 and possibly Section 794 of Title 18, U. S. Code, but that before a decision is rendered as to whether prosecution is warranted the Department requested we ascertain the following:

1. An expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense."

2. Is there any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution?

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that our Liaison Section deliver copies of reports to OSI and secure answers to the above questions.

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2-22-51. OSI advised that Research & Development Board stated this contract under Army. [redacted] Army liaison b6 b7C in checking with Army.

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TITLE

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka
Jack Parsons

CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's birth at Los Angeles verified. Signed statement furnished by PARSONS to Hughes Aircraft Company, September 26, 1950 set forth.

DETAILS: The subject's birth at Los Angeles, California, was verified February 15, 1951. The record of this birth is contained in Book 102, Page 6549 of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, City of Los Angeles.

A signed statement furnished to [redacted] and [redacted] of Hughes Aircraft Company on September 26, 1950 is as follows:

"JOHN W. PARSONS
Payroll # 71523
Employed by Hughes Aircraft Co May 8, 1949
Dept 04 - Propellant Section

"12:00 Noon
26 September 1950

G. I. R. -1

"I JOHN W. PARSONS, make the following requested signed statement to [redacted] Staff Assistant, Security Department, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, knowing first, that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I make can and will be used against me in the event I am ever held for trial and that no threats nor promises have been used in any manner, causing me to make this statement.

"My name is JOHN W. PARSONS. I presently reside at 1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California. I was employed by H.A.C. 5/8/49 and my present capacity is that of Group Leader in Charge of Propellants, Propulsion and Launching Group of the Research and Development Laboratories. In October of 1948, I entered into negotations in regard to a position in Israel. In this period I submitted a proposal of suggested activities which included the construction of Explosive Plants and the development and manufacture of rockets and other armaments which could be done with the approval of the United States. These negotations continued for sometime and in June of 1950 I was requested to submit a breakdown of detailed costs of the equipment and processes which I had proposed. In July and August, I prepared

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a revised proposal. In September I worked for H.A.C. on a proposed Rocket Propellant Loading Plant. The proposal included detailed cost breakdowns of the type which I required in my proposal to Israel. On about the 16th of September, I approached a [redacted] of Pales Verdes, California, with the request that she type up a rough draft of the material which I had collected in order that I could organize this in the form of a signed cost proposal. I selected [redacted] and had this typed by her since I had known her and [redacted] for a period of over five (5) years. I knew that both she and her husband had been cleared to work on classified projects after an extensive investigation and that clearance for her husband was current.

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"Among the material from which I asked her to type extracts there was included a rough draft of a portion of a Propellant Loading proposal at H.A.C. which had been marked "Confidential". The rough draft of the material from which I intended to prepare my porposal was partially typed by [redacted] in the period of September 16 to September 23, 1950. I understand that on September 25, this material was picked up by the F.B.I. and the matter was refered to H.A.C. It wasnot in any way my intention to transmit any portion of the material which had been classified to Israel or to any other unauthorized person. It was my intention to select only the cost of equipment and process from the material to include in my proposal. It was further my intention before proceeding,to submit details of the proposal to check with the State Department both in regard to the possibility of getting a passport and the advisability of proceeding with any proposed activities. I had selected [redacted] to do the typing since I knew that she had been cleared in the past, that she was a highly responsible and loyal person and there was no possibility of any leak thru her or her husband, to unauthorized persons. I feel that any action in allowingclassified material which was the property of H.A.C. to come into the hands of a person, who however responsible, was not directly authorized to receive this material, was a serious error in judgment. It is my understanding that I removed this aforesaid Confidential material in violation of H.A.C. rules. I did not remove them with the expressed or implied permission of any person in H.A.C. My removal of this document was not known to any person in H.A.C. nor to any other person with the exception of myself. To my knowledge, [redacted] had no knowledge that Confidential material was being used in any unusual manner.

"I received no renumeration or promise of renumeration for removing this material, nor was I induced or requested to do so by any other person. I have no membership in any organization which is in any way interested or concerned in this matter or which advised or induced me to act in the manner aforesaid. I wish to emphasize again that I had no intent of violating any law or of transmitting any classified information or Company property to any unauthorized person.

"To the best of my knowledge, I do not now have in my possession, any classified material belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company, nor any other classified material of any sort. If I should find any such classified material among my possessions, I will immediately return same to H.A.C.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of two (2) pages and checked the statement therein and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. No threats nor promises have been made to cause me to initial the preceding pages nor to sign this statement."

"/s/ JOHN W. PARSONS
JOHN W. PARSONS

"WITNESSES:

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C
Los Angeles, Calif.

/2/ [redacted]
Topango, Calif. "

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[redacted] b3 b6 b7C Palos Verdes, California, on February 1 and 7, 1951 and [redacted] same address, on February 8, 1951, b7E advised as follows:

They stated that the PARSONS are an odd and unusual pair in that they do not live by the commonly accepted code of married life and are both very fascinated by anything unusual or morbid such as voodooism, cults, homosexuality, and religious practices that are "different." Subject seems very much in love with his wife but she is not at all affectionate and does not appear to return his affection. Both have had "affairs" with other people since their marriage, with the other's knowledge, and this apparently has been an accepted practice. She is the dominating personality of the two and controls the activities and thinking of subject to a very considerable degree. It is the opinion of [redacted] that if subject were to have been in any way willfully involved in any activities of an intentional espionage nature, it would probably have been on the instigation of his wife.

[redacted] b6 b7C described MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS, aka "CANDIDA" PARSONS and "CANDY" PARSONS as an intelligent, quick witted, and vivacious person. She is an admitted "liberal" having stated dissatisfaction with this country and a desire to raise any children she may have in some other country where the children will have the freedom to do as they like. In this regard, she has mentioned Mexico and Israel as two desirable countries.

While in the WAVES during the past war, MARJORIE PARSONS was stationed in Washington, D.C. and for a time was performing duties for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. She tells the story that she was removed from this position and transferred as a result of her association with a suspected German Espionage Agent in Washington, D.C.

During the latter part of 1947 or the early part of 1948, after being married about a year, MARJORIE PARSONS went to Paris as an art student under the "G. I. Bill." [redacted] cannot recall the duration of this visit but are of the opinion it was only a matter of "a few months." On her return, she stated she did not attend an art school in Paris but offered no explanation as to the reason. She indicated that while in Paris, she associated with a well known Communist Editor named [redacted] (phonetic) of a Paris Communist Newspaper. Another individual she mentioned having known in Paris was an American who said he was a newspaper correspondent for an American newspaper. She stated this individual's first name was [redacted] and that he seemed to force his attentions on her. She suspected him of being an FBI Agent, however, she never gave any explanation as to why she should have been suspicious of anyone being an FBI Agent interested in her. She said that [redacted] was in a group including herself, which group made a trip to England and Switzerland. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised she observed an itemized statement prepared by Mrs. PARSONS concerning the expenses of this European trip, which expenses totaled $2,500. b3 b6 b7C b7E

Following the return of Mrs. PARSONS to this country, she became acquainted in an unknown fashion with an individual named GEORGE TANE (phonetic). Mrs. PARSONS indicated she met TANE on the beach at Manhattan Beach, California, and that they subsequently became good friends. She had an "affair" with TANE with subject's knowledge.

GEORGE TANE was by his own remarks, not a citizen of the United States and had the appearance of a Swede, Dane or North German. He is described by [redacted] as thirty-three years of age, 5'8" in height, sandy colored hair, weather beaten face, and Central European accent. TANE constantly told stories about being a member of various underground organizations during the past war and spoke once at length about a trip into Russia resulting in a fiction-like escape. TANE was never clear in his remarks as to what country he came from or what country's underground organizations he spoke about. Mrs. PARSONS' friendship with TANE ceased when subject became incensed at her association with him.

[redacted] remarked that it was obvious GEORGE TANE had considerable technical cognizance, although he attempted to conceal this fact.

In May, 1949, [redacted] advised Mrs. PARSONS departed for a Mexican trip with the purpose of attending art school in San Miguel, Mexico. During her stay at San Miguel, a murder occurred in the house which Mrs. PARSONS was leasing, which murder resulted in considerable publicity.

From Mexico Mrs. PARSONS took ship passage for France to again attend art school in Paris. The duration of this stay in Europe by Mrs. PARSONS is not known to [redacted] She returned from Europe to Mexico and again went to San Miguel to attend art school. She returned to the United States from Mexico in the late spring or early summer of 1950. Her large female German Police dog, of which she is extremely fond, was left in the care of friends in Mexico, inasmuch as she stated she intended to return there at a latter date. b6 b7C

On her return, she spoke of the extreme difficulty she had had with financial matters on this trip but she had in her possession six or seven pieces of obviously expensive leather luggage and a considerable quantity of laces.

[redacted] advised that when she told Mrs. PARSONS that the material left to be typed had been picked up by the FBI, Mrs. PARSONS said "Oh, my God" several times and was visibly shaken. She immediately telephoned subject and after talking to him told [redacted] he had said he would not leave work or do anything as it might appear suspicious. [redacted] stated the PARSONS seemed

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very anxious to get this material typed in a hurry and Mrs. PARSON even volunteered to [redacted] to expedite the typing. b3 b6 b7C b7E

[redacted] stated that the PARSONS were married at Laguna, California, probably in 1947. [redacted] identified the following individuals as friends or acquaintances of the PARSONS:

[redacted]

This individual was a friend of the PARSONS, visiting frequently in their home. He was employed [redacted] According to his conversations, he had been an employee of [redacted] in this capacity during the past war. His discussions usually centered around what he had seen in [redacted] or around music or some phase of the arts. [redacted] stated they had heard this individual referred to as a "Communist" but to their knowledge, he never made any remark or indicated in any way that he was interested in Communism. [redacted] cannot recall the source of the information indicating this individual to be a Communist but are of the opinion they had been told this by some mutual friend who attended gatherings at the PARSONS residence.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

This individual is a personal friend of the PARSONS, particularly of Mrs. PARSONS. He was a very frequent visitor at the Manhattan Beach home of subject. Mrs. PARSONS visited [redacted] apartment alone on frequent occasions and he evidenced great interest in her paintings. [redacted] He has quite a reputation as an [redacted]

When interviewed on December 2, 1950, PARSONS furnished the name [redacted] as an individual the PARSONS can be contacted through inasmuch as the PARSONS do not have a telephone.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record identifiable with this individual.

RODOLFO WALTHER b6 b7C

[redacted] advised this individual was a close personal friend and a frequent visitor at the PARSONS' home during 1947 and 1948. He continues to be a friend, however, their contact in the past two years has been less frequent. He is described as being forty years of age, 5'7" in height, 130 pounds, and dark hair.

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The current Los Angeles Telephone Directory reveals a listing for RODOLFO WALTHER, 1718 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone GL 3090.

Informant T-1, of known reliability, on June 25, 1940, advised that ROLFO P. WALTHER, a representative of the Niro Corporation, associate organization of the Krupp Steel Company of Germany, is known to be pro-German throughout the United States.

The Los Angeles Police Department, on March 21, 1941 advised that RODOLFO ALEXANDO LEOPOLDO WALTHER, 1718 North Serrano Avenue, Los Angeles and formerly 1632 North Normandie Street, Los Angeles, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 15, 1906. His last foreign address was Hamburg, Germany and he immigrated from Hamburg to New York under the name RUDOLFO WALTHER on September 3, 1928. He was employed at this time by the Niro Corporation, 280 West State Street, Westport, Connecticut as a sales representative.

[redacted] of Lubbock, Texas, advised agents of the Dallas Office in 1942 that RODOLFO P. WALTHER, 919 Kingsley Drive, Hollywood, represents himself as a dental supply salesman. He has a very limited supply of dental instruments but a large supply of papers and documents. He shows little interest in selling dental supplies but wants to sit and talk at length about "conditions." WALTHER is greatly interested in photographic work and on one occasion showed [redacted] a number of photos of railroad bridges and other types of large bridges and buildings. b6 b7C

[redacted] interviewed on February 2 and 15, 1951, advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that she was a good friend of Mrs. PARSONS during the time they were in the WAVES together stationed at Washington, D.C. She says she met Mrs. PARSONS about 1943 at a time when subject's wife had been transferred to the Anacostia Naval Station, Washington, D.C. from a position she had had with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was with her in Washington until October, 1945.

[redacted] advised that her friendship with PARSONS has continued until this date. Mrs. PARSONS told [redacted] she had gotten into difficulty while assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff because of an affair she was having with a suspected German agent. However, [redacted] has never known the identity of this suspected German agent. [redacted] described Mrs. PARSONS as unstable, morbid, irresponsible, intelligent but easily influenced and fascinated by intrigue. b6 b7C

Mrs. PARSONS was Court Martialed on numerous occasions for minor infractions of the rules during her Navy career. [redacted] advised she does not know the actual political philosophy of subject's wife, but is of the opinion she is a "liberal." She associated with a group in Washington, D.C. while in the WAVES, which group included a number of individuals believed by [redacted] to be pro-Communists. The only members of this group who can be recalled by [redacted] are GENE KELLY, the movie actor, who was in the Navy stationed at Anacostia; ARTHUR NAPOLEON, a Navy petty officer stationed at Anacostia in the photo laboratory and JIM HANNON, a Navy Commander stationed in Washington, D.C.

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NAPOLEON and HANNON are believed by [redacted] to have settled in New York after terminating their Navy service. The physical descriptions and personal data concerning NAPOLEON and HANNON recalled by [redacted] are as follows:

ARTHUR NAPOLEON

Age	31 years
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark and curly
Features	Heavy
Address	Formerly 136 East 73rd Street, New York, City.
Telephone	Formerly AT 9-9510 in New York (believed to be that of a sister)

JIM HANNON

Age	40-45 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Light Brown
Telephone	Formerly Murray Hill 51035, New York.
Business Prior to War	Advertising business in New York City.

[redacted] advised that the night the PARSONS left the material with the [redacted] to be typed, [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. PARSONS were going to [redacted] the PARSONS were extremely irritable, nervous, and hard to get along with, which was in sharp contrast to their normal behavior. The PARSONS' actions were so difficult to understand that [redacted] b6 b7C

Regarding [redacted] previously mentioned, [redacted] advised this individual was a personal friend of hers and that she introduced him to the PARSONS. Regarding [redacted] political philosophy, [redacted] stated that to her knowledge, he is a good and loyal American. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised she believes MARJORIE PARSONS was born in Davenport, Iowa. b6 b7C

[redacted] Veterans Administration Center, Los Angeles, on February 9, 1951 advised Special Agent CHARLES PAGE that the Los Angeles files of the Veterans Administration reveal no record of a MARJORIE PARSONS and only one record of a MARJORIE CAMERON. The one available record for MARJORIE CAMERON is identified as having Claim #7002299. The file for this individual is in Washington, D.C., which according to [redacted] indicates this individual is or has been out of the country.

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Regarding GENE KELLY, previously mentioned in the Fourth Report on Communist Front Organizations issued by the California Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities (Tenney Committee) in 1948 refers to GENE KELLY as having been a member, sponsor, or otherwise active in various organizations designated by the Committee as Communist Fronts or Dominated Groups.

Regarding GEORGE TANE, previously mentioned, the current Telephone Directory for Los Angeles and Vicinity, reveal no record of this individual. The indices of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record for any possible spellings for GEORGE TANE.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal no record identifiable with MARJORIE PARSONS, MARJORIE CAMERON, CANDIDA PARSONS, CANDY PARSONS, CANDIDA CAMERON OR CANDY CAMERON.

The check of records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, previously mentioned, was made on February 15, 1951 by Special Employee [redacted] b6 b7C

The Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County, checked February 16, 1951 by the writer, revealed no record of subject or subject's wife.

For the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices, the subject in September, 1950, removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, his place of employment, for the purpose of using material from these documents in preparing a cost proposal on jet propulsion motors. He planned to submit this proposal with an application for employment through the American Technion Society for employment in the country of Israel. On termination of employment at Hughes Aircraft Company, subject was found to have in his possession certain classified material of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. The facts of this case were presented to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice on December 20, 1950, and are presently under consideration.

For the assistance of the Washington Field Office, the following known information concerning MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PERSONS is set forth:

Age	About 30 to 32 years.
Height	5'5"
Weight	126 pounds
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair with freckles
Born	Davenport, Iowa (?)
Veterans Administration Claim Number	7002299 (?)
Present Address	1200 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, California.
Former address	3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.
	3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City: Will furnish any pertinent information appearing in the files of the New York Office concerning ARTHUR NAPOLEON or JAMES HANNON.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D.C.: Will at the Office of the Director of ZR and E Service, Veterans Administration, review file of MARJORIE CAMERON, C# 700229, to ascertain if this file is for subject's wife. If file is for subject's wife, will ascertain a history of her studies under the "GI Bill" and her Navy serial number.

Will, if MARJORIE CAMERON PARSONS' Navy serial number is ascertained from her VA file, furnish same to the New York Office in order to have a review made of her military service file (U. S. Navy - WAVES) at Garden City, Long Island.

Will check records of Passport Division, Department of State, for information pertaining to MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS' having been issued a passport and any background data therefrom.

Will check indices for any information concerning ARTHUR NAPOLEON or JAMES HANNON, indicated to have been pro-Communist friends of MARJORIE CAMERON PARSONS during her service in Washington, D.C. from 1942 or 1943 until 1945.

SAN DIEGO OFFICE

At Laguna, California: Will verify marriage of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON and JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, believed to have taken place in 1946 or 1947, noting any background information concerning both parties and will furnish copies of this verification to the Washington Field Office in order to be able to assist in identifying records of subject's wife.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will attempt to identify GEORGE TANE, indicated to have been a friend of MARJORIE PARSONS.

Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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T-1: [redacted] whose identity is being concealed in view of his position.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 20, 1951 at Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

DATE: March 9, 1951

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
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Reference is made to a memorandum to you in the above-captioned matter from [redacted] dated January 27, 1951, which requested the Liaison Section to deliver reports in the above-captioned matter to OSI and to exhibit at the same time to them evidence in this matter in order to determine (1) an expression of opinion from the appropriate source in the Department of the Air Force as to whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense" and (2) if there is any objection on the part of the Department of the Air Force to having the documents in question introduced in evidence in the event of prosecution.

This matter was discussed with representatives of OSI by [redacted] and they have advised after checking into the matter that the contract in question is under the jurisdiction of the Army. This is to advise that the evidence has been made available to Colonel Paul J. Cramer of G-2 and he stated that he would attempt to obtain from the Army the answers to the questions propounded.

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This matter will be followed with Colonel Cramer as to the developments.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.	3/21/51	3/15/51	EDWARD J. KIRBY mb

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka	ESPIONAGE - IS

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ICC to D R 4-2 ASI 4-2-51 DeMaris

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS and MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON married San Juan Capistrano, California 10-19-46. PARSONS native of California then a resident of Pasadena. His wife native of Iowa, a painter by occupation, was a resident of Pasadena at that time.

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DETAILS: 12-21-51 mso:dem

AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA:

Book 267, page 423, Orange County Recorder's Office reflects that a marriage license was issued to JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, native of California, age thirty-two, white, resident of Pasadena, California and to MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS native of Iowa, age twenty-four, resident of Pasadena, California. The marriage license was issued October 19, 1946. They were married by [redacted] Justice of the Peace in the presence of [redacted] who were also residents of Pasadena. The vital statistics section of the record reflects that JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS resided at 11003 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, California. He was white, age thirty-two, divorced. This was his second marriage. He was born in California, the son of MARVEL M. PARSONS who was born in Massachusetts and RUTH VIRGINIA WHITESIDE, who was born in Ohio. PARSONS' occupation was given as that of a Chemist.

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MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON of 1002 South Orange Grove Avenue, Pasadena, California was white, twenty-four, single. It was her first marriage. She was born in Iowa, the daughter of HILL LESLIE CAMERON who was born in Illinois and CARRIE V. RIDENOUR who was born in Iowa. She listed her occupation as that of a painter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field office and for the New York office for their information in view of pending investigation in each of those offices.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 8, 1951 at Los Angeles. b6 b7C

SAC, Los Angeles

April 23, 1951

Director, FBI

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS
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Reurlet 3-26-51.

On the basis of the information furnished no information could be located in the Bureau files identifiable with one [redacted] (phonetic), described as a well-known Communist editor of a Paris Communist newspaper.

In addition to a search of Bureau indices, examination was also made of French Communist periodicals available to the Bureau but no name was located approximating that of [redacted]

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In view of the meager information available, the foregoing should not be considered by you as precluding the existence of the individual described in your letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/26/51

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Los Angeles report dated 3/8/51 by SA [redacted]

Information is set forth in referenced report to the effect subject's wife, MARJORIE CAMERON PARSONS, while in Paris, France in 1942 or 1948, associated with a well-known Communist editor named [redacted] (phonetic) of a Paris Communist newspaper. b3 b6 b7C b7E

It is requested Bureau indices be searched in an effort to identify [redacted] to ascertain if such an individual does in fact exist.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS,
AKA, JACK PARSONS
ESPIONAGE - INTERNAL SECURITY

Rerep Special Agent [redacted] at Los Angeles dated March 8, 1951 requesting this office obtain Naval serial number of subject's wife. b6 b7C

Files of Claims Division, Veterans Administration reflect that subject's wife entered Naval Service February 25, 1943 at Naval Training Station, Cedar Falls, Iowa and was honorably discharged November 16, 1946 as Specialist (photographic) 3C at Washington, D. C. She entered under maiden name of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON and name changed by reason of marriage to MARJORIE E. PARSONS on October 19, 1946. She was assigned NSN 7042910, however, it is to be noted that there was a penciled notation in file reflecting that this was corrected to 7042911 on July 11, 1949.

She was born April 23, 1922 at Belle Plaine, Iowa and upon entering service resided at 1213 College Avenue, Davenport, Iowa. They list her occupation as free lance commerical artist and has studied art in Mexico and Paris.

For information of New York, the subject in September, 1950 removed certain classified material from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California where he was employed and was found in possession of classified material of Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory, California Institute of Technology upon termination from Hughes Aircraft. The case is presently under consideration by Criminal Division of Justice Department.

The New York Office will review service record of subject's wife at Garden City, Long Island under NSN 7042910 or 7042911 and furnish results to Los Angeles Office.

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cc: New York
cc: Los Angeles

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka
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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] 3-8-51 at Los Angeles. b3 b6 b7C

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The files of the New York Office contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding ARTHUR NAPOLEON or JAMES HANNON. RUC. b7E

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject presently residing 1071 South Orange Grove, Pasadena. Background data regarding subject's wife, as obtained from Veterans Administration, set forth.

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DETAILS: On March 16, 1951, subject advised Special Agent ANATOLE N. OSSIPOFF that he has recently moved and is presently residing at 1071 South Orange Grove, Pasadena, telephone SYcamore 9-7816.

On February 1, 1951, [redacted] Palos Verdes, California, advised subject's wife served in the Waves during World War II. b6 b7C

In this connection, the following investigation has been conducted by the Washington Field Office:

"Files of Claims Division, Veterans Administration reflect that subject's wife entered Naval Service February 25, 1943, at Naval Training Station, Cedar Falls, Iowa, and was honorably discharged November 16, 1946, as Specialist (photographic) 3C at Washington, D. C. She entered under maiden name of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON and name changed by reason of marriage to MARJORIE E. PARSONS on October 19, 1946. She was assigned NSN 7042910, however, it is to be noted that there was a penciled notation in file reflecting that this was corrected to 7042911 on July 11, 1949.

"She was born April 23, 1922, at Belle Plains, Iowa, and upon

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entering service resided at 1213 College Avenue, Davenport, Iowa. They list her occupation as free lance commercial artist and has studied art in Mexico and Paris."

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Regarding GEORGE TANE (phonetic) previously reported to be a friend of subject's wife, the following sources have been checked revealing no record of this individual: b3 b6 b7C b7E

Los Angeles County Registrar of voters, March 21, 1951, by SE [redacted]
Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association on March 21, 1951, by SE [redacted]
Los Angeles Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 23, 1951, by SE [redacted]
Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on March 15, 1951, by SE [redacted]

Regarding ARTHUR NAPOLEON and JIM HANNON, previously reported to have members of a group in Washington, D. C. during World War II, which group included subject's wife, the New York Office has advised that files of the New York Office contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding these individuals.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will take such further prosecutive action as is directed by the Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/8/51, at Los Angeles.
Washington Field Office letter to Bureau dated 4/9/51.

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X WASHINGTON, D. C.	APR 26 1951	3/20;4/4,5,12/51	MALCOM P. CARR mld/kwr

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's wife issued passport #108673 on 8/25/47, for travel to France and England via New York for educational purposes. This passport renewed at Mexico on 8/19/49. Photograph obtained. Veterans Administration files reflect subject's wife assigned Claim #7002299 in which she claimed disability for hay fever; claim not allowable. Enlisted in Naval service 12/9/42, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and honorably discharged 11/16/46, at Washington, D. C. Studied under G. I. Bill of Rights at the Berlitz International Language School and at the University of Southern California. Also under G. I. Bill of Rights she had studied art at Paris, France, and at Mexico. File reflects that she apparently returned to United States about June, 1950, giving address in Pasadena, California. No indication she is now under training. Indices, Washington Field Office, negative regarding NAPOLEON and HANNON.

ICC to D/R (by memo to AAG) 6-7-51

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ICC to [redacted] by R/S 12-18-51 mso:dcm

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH PARSONS was issued passport #108673 on August 25, 1947, for travel to France and England. The above files reflect a letter to the Passport Division which was undated from MARJORIE E. PARSONS advising that she was going to France for the purpose of studying under the G. I. Bill of Rights. She indicated that she had a letter of acceptance from the Academie Grande Chaumiere, Paris, France, and offered to submit a photostatic copy of this letter of acceptance. In the application for the passport dated August 19, 1947, she advised that she was born on April 23, 1922, at Belle Plaine, Iowa, and gave as her current address, 3416 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. Her mother was listed as CARRIE VIOLA RIDENOUR who was born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, October 21, 1901, and listed as her father, HILL LESLIE CAMERON who was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 2, 1903. She stated that she intended to leave New York City October 22, 1947, on the SS Queen Mary and that she would visit France and England for the purpose of education. She gave as her occupation, painter (fine art). She was issued passport #108673 on August 25, 1947.

Also in the above files was an application dated August 19, 1949, for the renewal of the above passport which was executed by the subject's wife while at the Hotel La Joya, Escquiel Montes 35, Mexico. The above application for renewal was executed for the Vice Consul at the American Embassy at Mexico. She gave as her legal residence, 415 South Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, California. In the above letter she stated, "I am a painter.....artist. I have been attending school at San Miguel da Allenda, Escuela Universiteria de Bellas Artes. Have been in Mexico as a tourist." The above passport was renewed for two years to extend to August 24, 1951, and was valid for all countries except Yugoslavia, the occupied zones, the Middle East and Trieste.

The above files contain no further pertinent information. A photograph of the wife of the subject was obtained.

Files of the Claim Division, Veterans Administration, reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON PARSONS who was born at

Miss John Whitcside Parsons

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Belle Plaine, Iowa, on April 23, 1922, and resided at 1962 N. Garfield, Pasadena, California, submitted an application for pension or compensation for disability resulting from active military or Naval service. The application was undated but was block stamped by the Veterans Administration as having been received by Veterans Administration on January 28, 1946. She advised that she had entered active service on February 25, 1943, after having enlisted on December 9, 1942, in the U. S. Navy at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and that she was honorably discharged as Specialist (photographic) 3/c on November 16, 1946. She listed as her Navy Serial Number, 7042910. In connection with the serial number the file contained the penciled notation, "Corrected to 7042911 on July 11, 1949." The case was assigned Claim #7002299 in which she claimed allergy--hay fever as her claim for disability and which, she states, originated August, 1943. She advised that she had been bedridden with influenza during that time. She gave as her personal civilian physician, [redacted] Belle Plaine Hospital, Belle Plaine, Iowa, and stated that she had been treated for hay fever at the United States Naval Air Station, Anacostia, and the United States Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. In the claim it was noted the father and mother of the subject's wife were residing at 1962 N. Garfield, Pasadena, California. b6 b7C

File contained a marriage certificate reflecting that she was married to JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS in the presence of [redacted] both of Pasadena, California, on October 19, 1946, at San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California.

The file contained a letter dated November 5, 1947, from her mother, then residing at 408 Washington, El Monte, California, concerning checks from the Veterans Administration which had not been received by her daughter who was then in Paris.

Records of the Claims Office were transferred to the American Embassy at Mexico, July 21, 1949, at which time she was in training and on August 18, 1949, she gave the new address of Academie de Beaux Arts, Paris, France. On June 20, 1950, she gave the new address of 270 E. Claremont, Pasadena, California, as a change from 3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

The above files contained no further information pertinent to this investigation. It is noted, however, that the above claim was not allowed inasmuch as it was stated that hay fever is not included among allowable diseases.

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The files of the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation and Education Section reflect that on December 20, 1945, under the name of MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON, the subject's wife submitted an application for a course of education or training. As of September 26, 1947, she advised that she was enrolled in the Berlitz International School of Languages, 213 Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and on September 22, 1947, it is to be noted that she notified the Veterans Administration that she wished to enroll in the Academie Grande Chaumiere, Paris, France, and that she was leaving Los Angeles on October 15, 1947.

Under employment she states that in 1942 to 1943 she was employed as a fashion illustrator by HARNED von MAUR PETERSON at Davenport, Iowa, and as post war employment she states that she is a free lance fashion illustrator. Files indicate that she entered the University of Southern California in September, 1948, pursuing a course in psychology and on December 30, 1948, at her request, was given a vocational and educational guidance test or analysis by [redacted] Veterans Guidance Center, University of Southern California, 737 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles. The analysis of [redacted] is as follows: b6 b7C

"She is nervous but has good mental ability and possesses high interest patterns in common with successful artists,authors and social workers."

In another analysis given by [redacted] he states as follows:

"She is quite nervous and possibly has emotional instability."

In May, 1949, subject's wife was in attendance at the Universiteria de Bellas Artes in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

On July 28, 1949, she requested a change in her course in stating,"The G. I. approval ceased on the Escuela de Bellas Artes and departure from San Miguel is necessary for financial reasons." At this time she furnished a forwarding address of 3212 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California. On October 26, 1949, [redacted] Attache of Veterans Affairs, Mexico, directed a letter to the subject's wife at #2 Rue de Surene, Paris, France, in which he stated that the check for subsistence which had been delivered to Calle Venustiano Carranza, Guadalajary Julisco, Mexico, was b6 b7C

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being forwarded to her.

It appeared that the above files were incomplete; however, it has been determined that there was no request for transferal of records to Paris and there is no indication in the file that the subject's wife is presently under training under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The above file contained no further pertinent information.

The indices of the Washington Field Office contained no record of the subject, his wife, ARTHUR NAPOLEON, or JAMES HANNON.

ENCLOSURE FOR LOS ANGELES

2 photographs and 1 negative of MARJORIE ELIZABETH PARSONS.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles, dated March 8, 1951
Washington Field Office letter to Director, New York and Los Angeles dated April 9, 1951

SAC, Los Angeles

June 1, 1951

Director, FBI

JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka.
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Rebulet 5-7-51.

Attached hereto is a copy of a confidential memorandum from the Department dated May 17, 1951, in which the Department advises that this case is being referred to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for his opinion relative to prosecution. You will note the Department requests we make available to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles, California, all information in this case developed through investigation to date in order that he might have the benefit of same in reaching a decision.

You should immediately comply with the Department's request and furnish to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles copies of all pertinent reports in this case and such other data as he may require to reach a decision. For your information, the Bureau has furnished the Department copies of all investigative reports prepared in this case.

In this connection, your attention is directed to the Bureau's memorandum dated May 9, 1951, to the Department, copies of which were furnished you setting forth information received by the Bureau from the Department of the Army as to the security classification of pertinent documents in this case. You should immediately prepare an investigative report, incorporating therein the information received from the Department of the Army and furnish a copy to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles.

The Bureau is also returning herewith the photographic copies of the 13 documents which you forwarded to the Bureau under date of January 27, 1951. These photographs have been exhibited to the Department of the Army for current security classification, and you have been previously advised of the Army's reply.

You should advise the Bureau promptly of the U. S. Attorney's decision in this matter.

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ReBulet 1-19-51, advising you that the facts in this case had been presented to the Criminal Division of the Department for an opinion as to prosecution.

For your information, the Department has advised that the facts indicated a possible violation of Sections 793 and 794 of Title 18, U.S. Code, but before rendering a decision as to whether prosecution would be warranted, the Department requested that steps be taken to ascertain whether the documents involved "relate to the national defense," and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

These questions were submitted to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum dated April 6, 1951, answers were furnished by Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. A copy of the Army's memorandum is attached hereto for your information.

Also attached for your information is a copy of the Bureau's memorandum to the Department dated May 7, 1951, requesting that the Department advise whether, in view of the above, prosecution in this case is warranted.

When a reply is received from the Department, you will be advised.

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From
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To

February 27, 1951

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Security Group

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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am attaching hereto communications which may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Assistant Attorney General [redacted] May 9, 1951

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Reference is made to your memorandum in captioned matter dated January 18, 1951, your reference JMM:CEN:vb, wherein you advised that the facts indicated a possible violation of Sections 793 and 794, Title 18, U.S. Code. However, before rendering a decision as to whether prosecution is warranted, you requested that steps be taken to determine whether the documents involved in this case "relate to the national defense" and whether, in the event of prosecution, the Department of the Army would have any objection to these documents being introduced as evidence.

As you will recall, the subject admitted that on September 15, 1950, while he was employed at the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, he removed from that plant, without authority, a total of 13 documents pertaining to jet propulsion motors and rocket propellents. These documents are described by number in the report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, California, dated November 2, 1950, a copy of which has been previously furnished you.

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The questions propounded by you have been referred to the Department of the Army, and in a confidential memorandum to this Bureau dated April 6, 1951, answers were furnished by Colonel Paul O. Cramer, GSC, Chief, Security Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. Pertinent portions of the Army's memorandum are quoted as follows:

"For your information the military security classification of the material in question is as follows:

(a) Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and items 9 and 10 are unclassified.

(b) Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of RESTRICTED.

(c) Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security classification of CONFIDENTIAL.

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"The documents referred to in paragraphs 2 b and c above, relate to the national defense. The Department of the Army has no objection to the use of Items 1 through 7, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. The information contained in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current CONFIDENTIAL research and development and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons."

The numbered items refer to the 13 documents as enumerated and described in the above-mentioned Los Angeles report dated November 2, 1950.

As your records will reflect, since the date of your referenced memorandum, four FBI investigative reports in this matter have been forwarded to you, dated as follows: January 20, 1951, at Los Angeles; February 24, 1951, at Cincinnati; March 8, 1951, at Los Angeles, and March 21, 1951, at San Diego. In addition, there is enclosed herewith one copy of each of the following investigative reports concerning this matter: Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951, and report of SA Malcolm P. Carr, Washington, D. C., dated April 26, 1951.

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It is requested that you advise, after reviewing these reports and the above information from the Department of the Army, whether prosecution in this case is warranted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT

FROM : V. P. KEAY

DATE: April 16, 1951

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, wa.
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Reference is made to my memorandum in the above captioned matter which indicates that an effort had been made to obtain the opinion of the Department of the Air Force regarding the classification as to certain documents, and as to whether or not the documents could be introduced as evidence in the event of prosecution in the above captioned matter. As indicated in the reference memorandum, the representatives of OSI advised [redacted] that this was a question under the jurisdiction of the Army.

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There is attached hereto a memorandum to the attention of [redacted] entitled, "Classification of Documents," dated April 6, 1951. It encloses a copy of the memorandum prepared for OSI by the Air Force dated February 20, 1951, as well as for the four Bureau reports which were loaned to G-2 in this matter, and the thirteen items in question.

The memorandum indicates that Items 1-6, and 9 and 10 are unclassified. Item 7 is classified as "restricted," and Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 are "confidential." The memorandum further indicates that there is no objection to Items 1-7, and 9 and 10 being used as evidence. However, since the information in Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relates to current confidential research and development, they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Espionage Section for their information.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 9, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JACK WILTSIDE PARSONS
aka, Jack Parsons
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Reference Washington Field letter to Director dated 4/9/51.

The records of Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, NY reflect that MARJORIE ELIZABETH CAMERON, NSN-7042911 entered the military service at Chicago, Illinois on 12/9/42 in the rank of Apprentice Seaman. The records show she was born 4/23/22 at Belle Plaine, Iowa. At Washington, D.C., on 11/16/45 she was honorably discharged as Specialist, Photographer, Third Class.

A composite description of CAMERON as obtained from Navy service records is as follows:

Height: 5'5¼"
Weight: 120
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Red
Complexion: Fair

Scars & Marks: Permanent scar on upper left thigh; Two (2) scars left knee, scar right knee, male left scapular region.

Last Known address: 1962 N. Garfield St. Pasadena, Calif.

Prior Address: 1213 College Ave, Davenport, Iowa; 1508 6th Ave, 1402 3rd Ave., all of Davenport, Iowa.

Next of Kin: HILL LESLIE CAMERON (Father)
CARRIE B. CAMERON, nee Ridenour (Mother)
1962 N. Garfield
Pasadena, California

Employments: (1) E. HOGERMAN
131 W. 2nd St., Davenport, Iowa.
Peterson-Harned Von Maur, Display Dept.-
Window Decorator for five (5) months.
(dates not shown).

(2) R. C. Becker
831 W. 2nd St. Davenport, Iowa
Office manager (dates not shown)

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Form No. 1
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FILE NO. [redacted] b3 b7E

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LOS ANGELES	6/9/51	5/8/51	WILLIAM C. PATTERSON BAJ

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka Jack Parsons	ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, D.C., advised that of the documents removed by subject from Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, one bears military security classification of Restricted and four bear the military security classification of Confidential.

DETAILS:

On April 9, 1951, Col. PAUL G. CRAMER, GSC, Chief, Security Division, G-2, Department of Army, Washington, D.C., advised by memorandum that the following are the military security classifications of the items listed on Page 5 in the report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, California, dated November 2, 1950. These items were left at the home of [redacted] by the subject in September of 1950. b6 b7C b6 per ARMY b7C

Items 1 through 6, inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 are unclassified.

Item 7 contains information bearing a military security classification of Restricted.

Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 contain information bearing a military security classification of Confidential.

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In answer to the question that "In event of prosecution would the Department of Army have any objection to these documents being used as evidence?" Col. CRAMER advised as follows. The Department of Army has no objection in the use of Items 1 through 7 inclusive, and Items 9 and 10 as evidence. Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 relate to current confidential research and development in relation to national defense and as such should not be divulged to unauthorized persons.

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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California: Will keep in contact with the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, for his prosecutive opinion regarding this case.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated May 9, 1951
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951
Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, dated April 21, 1951. b6 b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 7, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JACK WHITESIDE PARSONS,
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The USA for the Southern District of California in Los Angeles was furnished pertinent reports in this case on June 9, 1951, for his opinion relative to prosecution.

The Los Angeles Office is awaiting this opinion, and this case is being placed in a pending inactive status, UACB. b3 b7E

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained by subject was to be used to injure United States, or to the advantage of another nation. Evidence returned to owners per instructions of the Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles. 8-1 b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

On October 25, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, California, advised that prosecution was declined in this case due to the lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that information obtained was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation.

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] directed that evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners.

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On October 31, 1951, [redacted] United States Air Force Plant Representative, Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, was advised by Special Agents WILLIAM C. PATTERSON and NEAL McGINNIS that the documents in his custody belonging to the Hughes Aircraft Company should be returned to that company, as they were no longer needed as evidence. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who is now [redacted] was present when [redacted] was informed as above stated. [redacted] was present as representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company, and accepted the Hughes Aircraft documents.

The documents obtained from [redacted] Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, which were turned in to a representative of the Hughes Aircraft Company when the subject left their employment, and which were identified as belonging to the California Institute of Technology, California Jet Laboratory, were returned to that laboratory on November 1, 1951, by Special Agents WILLIAM C. PATTERSON and WAYNE H. SHAW, and a receipt was obtained from [redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM C. PATTERSON dated June 9, 1951, at Los Angeles
Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated June 1, 1951

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. A. Branigan

DATE: December 14, 1951

FROM : Mr. W. E. Oglesby

SUBJECT: JOHN WHITESIDE PARSONS, aka.
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PURPOSE:

To recommend that instant case be placed in a closed status.

DETAILS:

As you will recall, this investigation was based on information furnished by a representative of Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California, who ascertained that subject, an employee of that corporation, had removed certain classified documents pertaining to jet-propulsion motors and rocket propellants from the files of that company without authorization on September 15, 1950. He subsequently turned these documents over to [redacted] whose husband was employed by Hughes Aircraft Company, who in turn reported the matter to that company. Subject had asked [redacted] to prepare typewritten copies of these documents and, in a signed statement, readily admitted to agents of the Los Angeles Office that he had removed these documents without authority and planned to extract certain information from them as an aid in computing the cost for a proposed factory to be established in Israel for the manufacture of jet-propulsion motors. b6 b7C

He was preparing this cost estimate at the suggestion of Herbert T. Rosenfeld, President of the Southern California Chapter of the American Technion Society. This society, according to the October 21, 1949, issue of the B'Nai B'Rith Messenger, is composed of businessmen, technologists and scientists and is the American body designated by the Israeli Government and industry to provide United States technical know-how for the benefit of Israel. Investigation has disclosed that Parsons was interested in securing employment in Israel by reason of his background in pyrotechnics and propellants for jet propulsion.

Of the 13 items removed from the file by Parsons, 8 were found to be unclassified, one carried the security classification of restricted and 4 carried the security classification of confidential.

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G-2 advised that the item classified as restricted and the unclassified items could be used as evidence in a trial, however, the items classified as confidential related to current research and development and, as such, G-2 advised that they should not be divulged to unauthorized persons. This information was presented to the Department in memorandum dated May 9, 1951, with a request that the Department advise whether prosecution in this case was warranted. The Department by memorandum dated May 17, 1951, advised the case was being referred to the U. S. Attorney at Los Angeles and requested that pertinent reports be submitted to him.

Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Los Angeles, California, advised that office that he declined prosecution due to lack of sufficient evidence of intent or reason to believe that the information obtained by subject was to be used to injure the United States or to the advantage of a foreign nation. [redacted] directed that the evidence obtained during the investigation should be returned to its proper owners. b6 b7C

A review of the Bureau indices fails to reveal any new information concerning subject since the institution of this investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of California has declined prosecution, it is recommended this investigation be closed.

Pertinent information has been disseminated to Records Administrative Branch, State Department [redacted] OSI, and G-2, ONI. b3 b7E

SAC, Los Angeles

February 7, 1952

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Enclosed herewith for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Munitions Board to subject dated January 9, 1952, which is self-explanatory.

Enclosure

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Assistant Attorney General

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February 7, 1952

Director, FBI

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Attached hereto for your information is a photostatic copy of a letter from the Industrial Employment Review Board of the Department of Defense, dated January 9, 1952, addressed to subject, which is self-explanatory.

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